Centenary United Methodist Church

Our Mission: "Love God, Serve Others" Christmas Eve Service, December 24, 2025, 7:00 pm Liturgical color; White or Gold

*If you are comfortable, please stand. **Bold** - Join in response, **The Faith We Sing

PRELUDE

INTROIT

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod,
Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who
has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have
come to worship him." AMEN.

GREETINGS

*PRAISE SONG O Little Town of Bethlehem 230

WE GATHER IN PRAYER (Psalm 122:1-8)

I rejoiced with those who said to me,

Let us go to the house of the Lord

Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built like a city that is closely compacted together.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

May those who love you be secure.

May there be peace within your walls,

And security within your citadels.

For the sake of my family and friends,

I will say, peace be within you.

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God.

I will seek your prosperity. AMEN.

THE ADVENT WREATH "Angels We Have Heard on High" 238

The Hamilton Family

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHRISTMAS Isaiah 9:27

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Thank you, O Lord, for the living bread, Jesus Christ, who feeds our spirits. In gratitude for undeserved grace and unlimited opportunity, we dedicate our offerings and ourselves. May the need of many be addressed in ways that bring hope, Love, Joy and peace to your children. AMEN.

PREPARATORY HYMN "Go Tell It on the Mountain" 251

GOD'S WORD Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

SPECIAL HYMN "Joy to the World" 246

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

When King Herod heard this, he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where Christ was to be born.

In Bethlehem in Judea, they replied, for this is what the prophet has written: But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel. AMEN.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY (sung to the tune of 95)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him, above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; AMEN

GOSPEL READING Luke 2:8-20

SONG OF REFLECTION "What Child Is This?" **219**

*GOD WITH US "Silent Night, Holy Night" 239

The Candlelight Service

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Have a joyful and Christ-filled Christmas

***The altar flowers are shared tonight by Larry & Susan Bergmeier to enjoy!