

*Lacey United Methodist Church*

*2022 Christmas Eve Worship Service 7:00 P.M.*

**Prelude** Dawn Slate

**Welcome**

**\*Hymn** *O Come All Ye Faithful* UMH 234 vs. 1,6

**\*Opening Prayer** Tabytha Wedderman

A light shining in the darkness . . .

**What could it be?**

The sound of angels' wings . . .

What could it mean?

A baby born in a stable . . .

**Who could it be?**

Come to Bethlehem and see.

**Christmas Wreath Lighting** Amy & Olivia Dacus

**\*Hymn** *The First Noel* UMH 245

**Scripture: Luke 2:1-16** Isabella Wioland

**Storytime with Papa Noel** Dominic Gregoria

**Praise Song** *A Christmas Alleluia* Praise Team

**Scripture: Matthew 2:1-11** Carly Carpini

**Message: "The Santa I Never Knew..."**

**Praise Song** *Advent Alleluia* Cantata Choir

**Christmas Offering Prayer** Tabytha Wedderman

This is a magical night. God-with-us has come to touch our world, our lives. God-with-us has come to bring us out of darkness into a glorious light. God-with-us invites us now to come to the table, believing in the promises of God fulfilled tonight. Here we hear angels, and see shepherds, and are transformed by a baby. Here love is offered, and love is found, in the sharing of bread and cup. Here we find our journey's end and its beginning.

**\*Hymn** *Away in a Manger* UMH 217 vs. 1,3

**Prayer of Confession** Isabella Wioland

In the middle of this season, I confess that I have focused too much on myself that I have focused too much on presents and that I have forgotten to think about the gift of Jesus. Forgive me, and help me to see myself in the story of Christmas.

*(Time for Silent Confession and Reflection)*

**Assurance of Pardon** Isabella Wioland

Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you – wonderful, joyous news for all people.

**Passing of the Peace**

Bless each other with a candy cane and a word of love.

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Lord's Prayer**

**The Breaking of the Bread and The Sharing of the Cup**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore, let us keep the feast. Amen**

*As you come up to receive communion,*

*please bring your offering and place it in the manger.*

*After you receive communion, please take a candle from an usher and return to your seat.*

**Scripture: John 1:1-14**

**Carly Carpini**

**Candle Lighting**

*The ushers will light the candle of the individual at the end of the row, please light the candle of the person next to you, as you share the light of Christ.*

**\*Carol** *Silent Night* UMH 239

**Dismissal with Blessing**

**\*Postlude** *Joy to the World* UMH 246

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