

*Lacey United Methodist Church*  
*2025 Christmas Eve Worship Service 7:00 P.M.*

Prelude

Welcome

\*Hymn            *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (vs. 1,3)    *UMH 234*

\*Call to Worship

Through time and space, in the blink of the eye, the love of  
God stretched forth in the life of a young girl, asking that she  
be part of God's great plan of Salvation.

**Her name was Mary. She was not of wealth or power.**

**She was a person, just like you and me.**

***Soloist: Sing verse 1 of "Star-child"***

The Good News came first to the lowly.

**Even today, we believe that good news often comes only  
to the mighty. How wrong we are!**

***Duet/solo: sing verse 2 of "Star-Child"***

In a world where hatred and fear was commonplace, the Christ  
Child would be born.

**Fear and Hatred are far too commonplace in our world.**

**May the Christ Child come anew into our hearts today.**

***Choir: sing verse 5 of "Star-Child"***

Christmas Wreath Lighting                      Sweerus Family

\*Hymn            *O Little Town of Bethlehem*            *UMH 230*

The Story of Jesus' Birth (Luke 2 1-20)    Dominic Gregoria

Happy Birthday Jesus!

Message    Rev. Jonathan Campbell

Hymn            *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*            *UMH 240*

Offering

Offering Hymn ~ *A Special Night*

\*Doxology    *UMH 95*

Christmas Offering Prayer

**Radiant God of holy interruptions, in the stillness of night  
and the chaos of our days, you slip into our world with  
glory wrapped in swaddling cloth. Like the shepherds, we  
come breathless, humbled, and hoping—to offer what we  
have. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and  
trust. May they help announce your peace on earth, not  
with trumpets and headlines, but with justice,  
compassion, and shared burdens. Let the offering we  
place here be the beginning of the offering we make with  
our lives in response to the child who changes everything.  
In Jesus' name, Emmanuel, we pray. Amen.**

Hymn    *The First Noel* (vs. 1.2)    *UMH 245*

Prayer of Confession

**Burdens press us hard, O God. We yearn for harmony:  
with one another, among races and nations, and with the  
earth you have created. Where idols distract us from you  
and your marvelous works, help us make a change.  
Send us good news of great joy, we pray. Amen.**

*(Time for Silent Confession and Reflection)*

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Lord's Prayer

The Prayer of Humble Access

**Lord Jesus, we don't come to you today because we're  
perfect, but because we need you. We're not worthy of  
your amazing grace, but we trust your endless mercy.  
Help us, like a small child receiving bread, to be filled by  
your presence. Give us the strength to live like you, to  
love like you, and to always know that we belong with you,  
so we can share your hope and joy with the world. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and The Sharing of the Cup

*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.*

Prayer of Gratitude

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in  
into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give  
ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

Scripture: John 1:1-14

Candle Lighting

*The ushers will light the candle of the individual at the end of the  
row, hold the lit candle upright while sharing the Light of Christ  
with the person next to you.*

\*Hymn: *Silent Night* UMH 239 Caylee Sweerus

Dismissal with Blessing

\*Postlude *Joy to the World* (vs.1,4) UMH 246

*Pastor: Rev. Jonathan Campbell*

*Liturgist: Rose Coram*

*Head Ushers: Sherry Exel & Rick Waddell*

*Music Director: Matthew Holmberg*

*Guest Musicians:*

*Jeremy Leighty, Dan McGrath,*

*Heather Meelheim, Bob Pentland,*

*Don Van Koppen, Melissa Van Koppen*

*If you would like to place a prayer in an ornament,  
please see an usher before or after worship.*

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