



# CROSSROADS

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Connecting People • Igniting Hearts • Transforming Lives

## Crossroads UMC Online Worship 12-24-2020

### INVITATION AND GATHERING

#### Welcome to Christmas Eve Worship

#### Opening Prayer (Psalm 96, Isaiah 9, Titus 2)

Holy One, you have appeared in the flesh, bringing redemption to all, your glory is made known in this newborn child, this living, blessed hope. Tonight we sing a new song—a song of justice, righteousness, and endless peace. Gift of God, beautiful Christ-child, we welcome you! Let love be born anew in our hearts on this joyous night. Amen.

#### Lighting the Christ Candle

#### Christmas Music

Once In Royal David's City

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

#### Prayer of Confession (Isaiah 9, Titus 2, Luke 2)

Lord, we have lived far too long in dark places of our own making. We have walled ourselves in, shut the world out, and held ourselves captive to our fear and failings. Free us from this place, Lord. Return us to a life in your presence, where we may face the trials of this world with you by our side. Restore your light to our eyes, that we may behold anew your love in our lives. Hear us and help us, we pray. We wait in eager anticipation, for the glory of your salvation this night. Amen.

#### Words of Assurance

#### Christmas Music

O Little Town Of Bethlehem

#### Introduction to the Word

#### Christmas Music

Away in a Manger

#### Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-7



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**Christmas Music**

He Shall Feed His Flock

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 2:8-16

**Christmas Music**

What Child Is This?

**Christmas Message**

Pastor Scott Walters

### **Bringing Light into a Dark World – Service of Candle Lighting**

**Carol**

Silent night, holy night,  
all is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin  
mother and child.  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,  
shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love's pure light;  
radiant beams from thy holy face  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night,  
wondrous star, lend thy light;  
with the angels let us sing,  
Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born!

**Silent Night**  
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**Christmas Prayer**

**Christmas Music**

Angels We Have Heard On High

**SENDING FORTH**

**Benediction**



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