



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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December 24, 2019
Christmas Eve

Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"

Gathering in Worship

Prelude

Greeting

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you!

Leader: The light of Christ is with us.

People: Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn No. 249

There's a Song in the Air

Crucifer: Ella Bassett, Acolyte: Caroline Leopard

Advent Banner: Lucas Bassett

Sharing the Good News

Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

A Child Is Born

Carol No. 218

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

(verses 1 & 4)

Lesson

Micah 5:2-5

A Ruler from Bethlehem

Carol No. 230

O Little Town of Bethlehem

(verses 1, 2, and 3)

Lesson

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Gabriel Visits Mary

Children's Choir

Light a Candle for Hope

Advent Candle Lighting

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Winston, Josie, Maggie, Joseph and Christine Shirley

Scripture Reading:

Luke 2:1-7

We light the Advent wreath again tonight as we remember. The first Advent candle is one of Hope, and we begin the wait. This candle reminds us that the prophet Isaiah was longing for God's presence, too. It reminds us that the people in the early church were also longing for God's presence. This candle is a symbol for our own longing for God to be with us. We wait in hope for God to surprise us and break into our lives.

The second candle is one of Peace and reminds us of our dreams for peace in the world and that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, is coming. This candle is a symbol of God's promise of peace, comfort, and strength.

The third candle is for Joy and to remind us that God wants us to rejoice, even when that feels hard to do. This candle is a symbol of the joy that comes when God is with us.



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