



**WHITNEY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Boise, Idaho**

4:00 p.m.

December 24, 2021

Christmas Eve



*Invites you to stand as you are able

GATHERING SONG

Six Ways to Sunday

“It’s Christmas”
by Chris Tomlin

WELCOME

Pastor Daryl

CANDLE LIGHTING

Svetlana Maddox, piano

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lory Nesor, Lay Leader

Leader: Tonight, old dreams die and new dreams come to life. The Promise is fulfilled!

People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

Leader: Hope gives way to joy and prayer to proclamation.

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Leader: Our candles illuminate our story. Dawn invades midnight. The Light of the World has come.

People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

Leader: And this light is a light for all; igniting a flame within the soul, warming us from within, radiating love, lighting our lives with the presence of God-come-alive in human flesh within and among us, now and always.

People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”
vs. 1 & 4, UMH #230

OPENING PRAYER

Let us join our voices in prayer:

Holy God, come into this holy night with stars to light our way to the cradle of peace. Come with angels to sing us to a deep joy. Come to this moment and open our hearts so we may hear the familiar story new and fresh. Surprise us and remind us that the child in the manger is Immanuel – God with us, now and always. Amen.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Response: **We rejoice in God’s steadfast presence in our lives, and in God’s unique presence in the life of Jesus of Nazareth — born of Mary, growing through childhood into an adult ministry, in all his life manifesting the peace, love, and justice of God; his voice undimmed by the centuries**

his call and his promise as clear to us as it was to his disciples so long ago.

Come to us, Lord Jesus, be born in us this night, in our hearts, our minds, our lives. May the light of your life be kindled in us, and lead us to the shining truth, of God with us, God for us, God in us. Amen.

ANTHEM "Unexpected Grace"
words: Herb Frombach, music: David Lantz III

FIRST LESSON - Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Kaylyn Fournier, reader

CHRISTMAS SKIT "The Messenger"
script: Cara Walter, edits: Kimberly Gardner
Whitney Children & Youth

SECOND LESSON - Titus 2:11-14 David Hawk, reader

ANTHEM "Calypso Christmas"
by Michael Perry, arranged by: Allen Pote

THIRD LESSON - Luke 2:1-20 Kacey Larracochea, reader

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE "The Place Where God Is Born"
Rev. Daryl Blanksma

MUSICAL OFFERING "O Holy Night"
words: J.S. Dwight, music: Adolphe C Adam
Andy Maddox, vocalist

CHRISTMAS PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHRISTMAS OFFERING "Noel"
Six Ways to Sunday by Chris Tomlin

FOURTH LESSON - John 1:1-5, 14 Lory Nesor

MUSICAL OFFERING "Silent Night"
transcription by Clarence Kohlmann
Svetlana Maddox, piano

CHRISTMAS LITANY & CANDLE LIGHTING

Response: **And light shines.**

*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

“Silent Night, Holy Night”
vs. 1 & 4, UMH #239

*BENEDICTION

Assisting in Worship:

Lay Leader: Lory Nesor

Choir Director: Andy Maddox

Pianist: Svetlana Maddox

Sound: Bert Allen

Usher: Bill Slupe

Visuals: Rich Keefe

Praise Band Director: Kevin Daniel

Upcoming Events

- December 25 - Christmas, no Saturday Lunch and Joseph's Closet will be closed
- January 1 - New Year's Day, no Saturday Lunch and Joseph's Closet will be closed
- January 5 - United Methodist Women does not meet in January
- January 8 - United Methodist Men, 9:00 am at the church
- January 9 - All Church Meeting, Worship at 10 am, all church meeting follows.



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