



**WHITNEY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Boise, Idaho**

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**10:00 a.m.**

**December 24, 2022**

**Christmas Eve**

PRELUDE MUSIC

Juli Draney

GATHERING SONG & CANDLE LIGHTING  
Six Ways to Sunday

“It’s Christmas”

WELCOME

Rev. Daryl Blanksma

CHORAL INTROIT

“He Is Born”

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lory Neser

L: This night is one of profound mystery,

**P: A night for unusual sounds and sights in the heavens.**

L: This night is one of wonderful clarity,

**P: A night for the blessed event of our Savior’s birth into this world.**

L: This night is one of far-reaching complexity,

**P: A night for strangers crowding into a stable and for kings starting upon a journey.**

L: This night is one of touching simplicity,

**P: A night for receiving a gift and for cradling God’s love in our hearts.**

**All: We gather to worship on this best of all nights!**

\*OPENING CAROL

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”  
vs. 1, 3 & 4, UMH #234

OPENING PRAYER

Lory Neser

**Living God, on this holy night we gather - to stand with shepherds, amazed at your glory; to sing with angels, rejoicing in your work; to wait with Joseph, trusting in your promise; to sit with Mary, cradling your love. May the good news of this night inspire us to tell the world of our great joy: for to us is born a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord. Glory and praise to you forever. Amen.**

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE.

Bert Allen & Rich Keefe

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

"Still, Still, Still"

LESSON - Matthew 1:18-25

Stewart Gardner

CAROL

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"  
vs 1, 2, & 4 UMH #230

LESSON - Luke 2:1-7

Johnna Dunten

SONG

"Light of the Stable"  
Six Ways to Sunday

LESSON - Luke 2:8-14

Jessica Owusu-Ansah

CAROL

"Angels We Have Heard on High"  
vs. 1 & 3, UMH #238

LESSON - Luke 2:15-20

Simon Ntamuhoza

SOLO "Some Children See Him"  
Shelley Cooper, vocalist

LESSON - Matthew 2:1-12 Mary Kienzle

CAROL "The First Noel  
vs. 1 & 5 UMH #245

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE "The Gift We Didn't Ask For"  
Rev. Daryl Blanksma

CAROL "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"  
UMH #229

CHRISTMAS PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY tune: God Rest You Merry

\*OFFERING PRAYER

THE PASSING OF THE LIGHT

\*CAROLS "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"  
vs. 1, UMH #218  
"Silent Night, Holy Night"  
UMH #239

A PETITION

CAROL "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"  
UMH #240

A BLESSING

POSTLUDE Juli Draney

## Upcoming Events

- Christmas Day – Worship, 10 am
- January 8 – All Church Meeting, following Worship

## Weekly Happenings

- Practical Scripture, Sundays at 8:30 am, Room 6
- Children's Sunday School, during worship every other Sunday:
- Bible Study, Sundays 15 mins following worship, Room 6
- Prayer and Share Group, Wednesdays at 1:30 pm, meets via Zoom
- Shawlers meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 2:00 pm at the church
- WEPRAY, Fridays at 11:00 am contact Shelley Cooper for meeting information
- Community Dinner, 3rd Friday at 5:30 pm
- Saturday Lunch, every Saturday, 10:30 am – noon

### Assisting in Worship:

Pianist: Juli Draney

Usher: Bill Slupe

Nursery: Lorrie Baer

Fellowship: United Women in Faith

Band Director: Kevin Daniel

Sound: Bert Allen

Visuals: Rich Keefe



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