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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OAK RIDGE  
December 24, 2021 | 11 p.m.

**MUSIC AT THE GATHERING**

Brass Ensemble

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

J.S. Bach

Chorale Prelude on 'Wachet auf uns ruft die stimme'

**†CALL TO WORSHIP**

Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God  
and the authority of the Christ have come.

**For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**†PROCESSIONAL HYMN, NO. 234**

*ADESTE FIDELES*

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (verses 1, 2, 3, 6)

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,**

**O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.**

**Come and behold him, born the King of angels.**

Refrain:

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,**

**O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

**True God of True God, Light from Light Eternal,**

**lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;**

**Son of the Father, be gotten, not created; (*Refrain*)**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;**

**O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!**

**Glory to God, all glory in the highest. (*Refrain*)**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,**

**Jesus, to thee be all glory given.**

**Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. (*Refrain*)**

**†CHRISTMAS COLLECT**

**O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ:  
Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence  
behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**†CHRISTMAS GLORIA, NO. 238 *Refrain Only***

**†LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**CONFESSION AND PARDON**

**Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we  
have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole  
heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly  
repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that  
we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

**GOSPEL READING**

Luke 2:1-7

**ANTHEM**

Dan Forrest

The First Noël

**GOSPEL READING**

Luke 2:8-20

**†CAROL, NO. 230**

*ST. LOUIS*

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (verses 1 & 4)

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;  
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel!**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heav'n\_\_\_ and earth\_\_\_ are  
full\_\_\_ of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est.  
Blest is he who comes\_\_ in the name\_\_ of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the highest, ho - san-na in the highest.

From *A Community Mass* by Richard Proulx

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### AGNUS DEI/BREAKING THE BREAD



### GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

All are invited to come forward to receive the communion elements by dipping the bread into the cup. Gluten free elements are available upon request. After receiving, please feel free to kneel or stand and pray at the communion rail before returning to your seat.

### COMMUNION CAROLS

Please join in singing the following carols as we receive the bread and cup.

No. 221 "In The Bleak Midwinter"

No. 218 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

No. 217 "Away In a Manger"

No. 219 "What Child Is This"

No. 230 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

### HOMILY

Mark Flynn

### LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*As the lights are dimmed, the pastors will light the ushers' candles. Ushers will then light the candles of those nearest the aisle in each row. Each person will share the light with the next person until all candles have been lighted.*

*Please tilt your unlighted candle toward the lighted candle, and hold your lighted candle straight up so others may tilt theirs to be lighted.*

*After singing "Silent Night", receiving the benediction, and singing "Joy to the World," please extinguish your candle and place it in one of the baskets in the narthex as you exit.*

### †CANDLELIGHT CAROL, NO. 239

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

**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!

†CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION, NO. 246

“Joy to the World”

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing, and  
Heaven and nature sing, and  
Heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness,  
And wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.

†BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude sur un Noël: *Un flambeau, Jeanette Isabelle*

arr. Denis Bédard

## Worship Leaders

Preaching: The Rev. Mark Flynn, *Lead Pastor*  
Liturgist: The Rev. Jenny Caughman, *Spiritual Care Pastor*  
Music: The Rev. Seth O’Kegley, *Pastor of Music & Worship*  
Josh Sumter, *Organist & Music Associate*  
Kyle Jones, *saxophone*  
Christmas Eve Choir  
Brass: Jim Hix, *trumpet*, Ward Bigler, *trumpet*,  
Alex Caughman, *french horn*, John Caughman, *euphonium*,  
Tim Powers, *tuba*



## December 26th Sunday Morning Schedule

11:15am Combined Worship Service, Sanctuary

## Regular Sunday Morning Schedule

8:45am Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:00am Sunday School for all ages

11:00am Contemporary Worship Service, Multipurpose Room

11:00am Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary

*Childcare is provided for all services.*

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