

## Prelude

“Veni Emmanuel”

arr. Flor Peeters

Two Settings of “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

“Es Ist Ein' Ros' Entsprungen” (German Melody)

arr. Michael Praetorius

“Es Is Ein' Ros' Entsprungen” (Chorale No. 8)

Johannes Brahms

4 Traditional Carols

arr. Edwin Childs

“Once in Royal David's City”

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

“Away in a Manger”

“Quem Pastores” (“He Whom the Shepherds Praised”)

“Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring”

J. S. Bach

## Welcome

### Call to Worship

(re:Worship: A Call to Worship for Christmas Eve by Rev. Thom Shuman)

On this holiest of nights,

**we come, joining the shepherds who are stunned by wonder.**

On this most silent night,

**we come, our hopes and dreams joining those of Mary and Joseph.**

On this night of carols, candlelight, and communion,

**we come, our glad songs joining with the choirs of angels over us.**

Trinity Hymnal, 225

“Once in Royal David's City” [IRBY]

## Prayer

### Lighting the Christ Candle

Gene and Nancy Bailey

Prayer: **“O God of hope, peace, joy, and love. As Mary and Joseph welcomed you into the world, now help us welcome you into our lives. Give us courage to hope; strength to seek peace. Fill our spirits with joy; and our hearts with love. Through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all. Amen.”**

## Anthem

“Some Children See Him”

Alfred Burt

Paul Broome, Melissa Chaney, Scott Rishebarger

## Scripture

Luke 2:1-7 ESV

<sup>1</sup> In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup> to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Homily

“Jesus, the Christ”

Prayer

Trinity Hymnal, 203

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” [MENDELSSOHN]

[Introduction by Jerry Westenkuhler]

Communion and Candle Lighting

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Receiving the Bread and the Cup

**Note: Worshippers will be directed to the front by Deacons. Please bring your unlit candle with you. After receiving the elements, you will light your candle from Rev. Gaston's candle. For safety, please tip your unlit candle to the lit candle. Return to your seat as directed. Following communion, the interior lights will be extinguished.**

Prayer

Carol

“Silent Night, Holy Night” [STILLE NACHT]

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight!  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

[Carol continues on back]

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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!

Benediction

As you exit in silence, extinguish your candle at the door and deposit in one of the bins. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship with **Cookies and Cocoa** in the fellowship hall.

\*The congregation stands, if able.

Listed below are our regular events. Please plan to join us.

### Weekly Events

#### Sunday

10:00 AM – Child/Adult Bible Study  
11:00 AM – Worship  
Nursery provided for both.

#### Wednesday (Resumes January 8<sup>th</sup>)

6:00 PM – Fellowship Meal  
6:30 PM – Bible Study  
7:15 PM – Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday (Resumes January 9<sup>th</sup>)

6-8 PM – Girl Scout Troop 1948 meets during the school months and randomly during the summer.

**Check our website for additional information: [unionarpchurch.org](http://unionarpchurch.org)**

# UNION ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Tuesday, December 24, 2024  
5:00 pm*