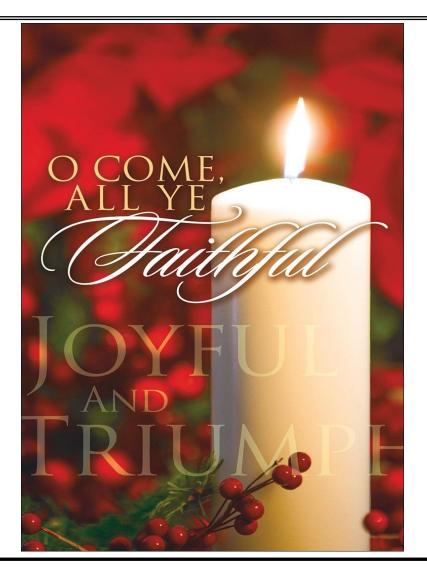


# **West Grove United Methodist Church**

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CHRISTMAS EVE December 24, 2020

# 11:00 P.M. Traditional Christmas Eve Service

Prelude

Welcome Rev. Dr. Mel Leaman

Welcome! Comment in the livestream feed. First-time guest or member, let us know you were here!

**Proclamation** Rev. Dr. Mel Leaman

**Opening Carol** "O Come All Ye Faithful" UMH. No. 234

Christmas Prayer Rev. Dr. Mel Leaman

Scripture Lesson Luke 2:1-7 Rev. Dr. Mel Leaman

Response to the Lesson Pastor Tim

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem "Child Of Promise" Chancel Choir
Arranged by Jay Rouse

Invitation to Share Our Offering Rev. Dr. Mel Leaman

Special Music "Christmas Lullaby" Memory Bells

Scripture Lesson Luke 2:8-20 Pastor Tim

**Meditation** "Holy Interruptions" Pastor Tim

Lighting and Response to Candlelight Pastor Tim

Candle Lighting Carol "Silent Night, Holy Night" UMH No. 239

Closing Carol "Joy To The World" UMH No. 246

Postlude

You are invited to reflect on the Light of God's love as you hear the music in your home.

Carols "O Little Town Of Bethlehem" UMH No. 230

"The First Noel" UMH No. 245

## Scripture Lesson: Luke 2:1-7 (NRSV)

### The Birth of Jesus

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

# Scripture Lesson: Luke 2:8-20 (NRSV)

## The Shepherds and the Angels

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, [a] the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

### SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON CHRISTMAS EVE



# Giving thanks to God for those who are serving you in worship this Sunday.

Easy Worship/Live-Stream

Digital Audio

Camera Audio/Visual/Live-Stream Tech

Steve May/Mike Wiwel
Keith Schneider

Michael Duvall

Nate Robinson

TBA / Nate Robinson

Remote Video Editing:

Officiating:

(Recorded) Rev. Tim Anderman (Live) Rev. Dr. Mel Leaman

Music Director:

Betsy Smith

Carol Vocalists:

Mel Leaman and Betsy Smith

Chancel Choir:

(Recorded) Sandy Deckard, Margee Michaels, Edel Mullen, Peter Mullen,

Vicki Owens, Dick Price, Debbie Schneider, Jake Schneider, Janis Schrader, Betsy Smith, Dave Talley, Peggy Watkins

Memory Bells:

(Recorded) Cindy Haley, Joan Leaman, Christy Robinson, Richard Stuhrke, Carol Sweet, and Peggy Watkins