

# Bethel United Methodist Church

Christmas Eve  
Candlelight & Communion Service  
December 24, 2023

## Prelude & Lighting of the Candles

## Welcome & Invocation

\*Hymn:                    *“Joy to the World”*                    UMH 246

Lighting the “Christ Candle”                    The Hazard family

Scripture: John 1:1-4

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.*

Introduction:

The fifth candle is the Christ Candle. We light it to remind us that He is the light of the world. If we are to find our way through the darkness of this world, it will be by following that light.

*Lighting the Christ Candle*

Response:

**As we follow His light, let our light so shine that others would see His love in us.**

\*Hymn:                    *“The First Noel”*                    UMH 245

## Offering for Madison Youth Ranch

Message: “A Great Light”

Scripture: Matthew 4:12-17

Special Music: O Holy Night

## Holy Communion

## Lighting of Individual Candles from the Christ Candle

Closing Hymn: “Silent Night”                    (on back of bulletin)  
(Recess with candles lit, to the front yard of the church)

## Closing Prayer

## Benediction



## Silent Night

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.

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"Seeking The Life In Grace As The Way of Life"  
Welcome home!

*Merry Christmas*