

# BAINBRIDGE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT AND COMMUNION SERVICE

7:00 PM Service of Worship

December 24, 2025



Please Register

**PRELUDE**      "We Wish You a Merry Christmas"      Henry Hamilton, piano solo  
                     "We Three Kings"      Charlie Hamilton, piano solo  
                     "Away In a Manger"      Cason Reynolds & Sheila Lane, piano duet

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**      Thomas Hufstetler, Acolyte

**\*ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING**      Lehman Family

Leader:    Tonight, on Christmas Eve, we light the Christ candle, celebrating  
                 the birth of Jesus—the Light of the World.

Scripture Reading:

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We  
have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came  
from the Father, full of grace and truth."      John 1:14

Leader:    As we light this candle, we rejoice that Jesus Christ has come to  
                 dwell among us, bringing light to the darkness, life to those dead in  
                 sin, and salvation for all eternity.

**People:    May this flame remind us that Christ's light shines in the  
                 darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Leader:    Let us pray. Jesus, Light of the World, thank You for stepping into  
                 our darkness. May your light shine brightly through us as we  
                 celebrate Your birth and await Your return.

**People:    Amen.**

Leader:    We light the first candle for hope, the second for peace, the third  
                 for joy, the fourth for love, and the Christ Candle to commemorate  
                 His birth.

Leader:    Come, Lord Jesus, our Savior.

**People:    Shine in our hearts as a beacon of the hope, peace, joy, and  
                 love found in You.**

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\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 180    “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Nate Lehman

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(see page 733)*

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Bring a Torch Jeannette, Isabela”  
(arr. by Shirley W. McRae)                      Piper Loeffler

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”  
(Traditional)                      duet, Greta Moye & Emma Hufstetler

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:2-7

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Work of Christmas”  
(Dan Forrest)                      Jenna Chambless

SERMON

“The Light of Joy”                      Rev. Nate Lehman

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *(see page 730)*

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

*(Gifts left on the altar rail support the “Altar Fund” which helps those in need in our local community.)*

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

“Silent Night, Holy Night”  
(Traditional)                      (see insert)

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Nate Lehman  
The light of Christ is passed. There will be baskets to return your candles at the Sanctuary entrances.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Joy to the World”                      (see insert)

\*PLEASE STAND (AS ABLE)