

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”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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.

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.)

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

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.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

RECESSATIONAL HYMN

“Joy to the World”

(see insert)

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:2-7

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Work of Christmas”
(Dan Forrest)

Jenna Chambliss

*PLEASE STAND (AS ABLE)

SERMON

“The Light of Joy”

Rev. Nate Lehman