

SIXTH LESSON: Luke 2:1-7 .....Valerie Noto  
*Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.*  
Carol #228 "He Is Born"

SEVENTH LESSON: Luke 2:8-16 ..... Joe Hill  
*The shepherds go to see the Savior of the World, lying in a manger.*  
Carol #245 "The First Noel (Stanza 1 and 2)"

EIGHTH LESSON: Matthew 2:1-11.....Susan Obaugh  
*The wise men follow a star to find the child Jesus, the King of the Jews.*  
Organ: "In The Bleak Midwinter" Yi-Ping Chen

NINTH LESSON: John 1:1-14 ..... Pastor Un  
*John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.*  
Carol #251 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

INVITATION UMH #12..... Pastor Un

\*THE PEACE

OFFERING  
OFFERTORY "Mary, Did You Know?" Betsy Gutshall/Joe Hill

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  
Pastor Un/Connie Davis/Linda Hildebrand

SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

\*BENEDICTION

\*CAROL #239 "Silent Night" Gene Blackmer

*Have a Safe & Merry Christmas &  
Happy New Year!*



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*Central United Methodist Church  
Friday, December 24, 2021, 7 PM*

PRELUDE "O Holy Night" Deborah Reed

WORDS OF WELCOME .....Pastor Un

\*PROCESSIONAL CAROL #238 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

\*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT/CHRIST CANDLES The Noto Family

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*(Light 1st Candle)*

Jesus Christ, the son of Mary, the son of God is born this night.

**God's word has been made flesh among us.**

*(Light 2nd Candle)*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness - on them a light has shined.**

*(Light 3rd Candle)*

You, O Lord, have multiplied the nation. You have increased its joy.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,

and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

**His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,**

**Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

*(Light 4th Candle)*

He is also called Emmanuel, for in him God is with us.

**AMEN!**

*(Light the Christ Candle)*

THE BIDDING PRAYER ..... Pastor Un

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

OPENING PRAYER ..... Pastor Un

**Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of Your one true light. May that light illuminate our hearts and shine in our words and deeds. May the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love represented by the birth in Bethlehem this night fill our lives and become part of all that we say and do. May we share the divine life of Your son Jesus Christ, even as He humbled himself to share our humanity. Amen**

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19..... Mary Douglas

*God announces in the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve's punishment for their rebellion and that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.*

Carol #206 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

SECOND LESSON: Genesis 22:15-18 .....Ed Pickett

*God promises to Abraham that by his descendants all the nations of the earth shall obtain the blessing.*

Carol #211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (stanzas 1,2,4, 7)

THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7.....Virginia Buchanan

*The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness.*

Organ: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Yi-Ping Chen

FOURTH LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9 ..... John Hildebrand

*The King is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor and peace for all of God's creation.*

Carol #230 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

FIFTH LESSON: Luke 1:26-35, 38 Caroline Jones

*The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary that she will give birth to God's promised Son whose kingdom shall never end.*

Organ: "Gentle Mary Lay Her Child" Yi-Ping Chen