

SIXTH LESSON: Luke 2:1-7 .....Janet Nuckoles  
*Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.*  
 Carol #228                    “He Is Born” .....Congregation

SEVENTH LESSON: Luke 2:8-16 .....Josh Gutshall  
*The shepherds go to see the Savior of the World, lying in a manger.*  
 Carol #219                    “What Child Is This” .....Congregation

EIGHTH LESSON: Matthew 2:1-11..... Deb Atno-Shelton  
*The wise men follow a star to find the child Jesus, the King of the Jews.*  
 Organ:                        “Master In the Hall”                    Yi-Ping Chen

NINTH LESSON: John 1:1-14 .....Rev. Won Un  
*John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.*  
 Carol #246                    “Joy to the World” ..... Congregation

THE LOVE FEAST (SEE INSERT)

\*BENEDICTION

\* CAROL #239                    “Silent Night”    Gene Blackmer & Congregation

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



*Central United Methodist Church  
 Saturday, December 24, 2022, 7 PM*



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PRELUDE "Sheep May Safely Graze" Yi Ping Chen  
Performed by Janet Onnie & Valerie Blakeslee

WORDS OF WELCOME ..... Rev. Won Un

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

\*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT/CHRIST CANDLES The Blakeslee 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 ..... Rev. Won Un

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

OPENING PRAYER ..... Rev. Won 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..... John Myers

*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 #211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" ..... Congregation

SECOND LESSON: Genesis 22:15-18..... Barbara Snyder

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

Carol #234 O Come, All Ye Faithful..... Congregation

THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7..... Ed Pickett

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

Organ: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Central Choir

FOURTH LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9 Ron Shelton

*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"..... Congregation

FIFTH LESSON: Luke 1:26-35, 38 ..... Ken Beals

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

Organ: "Prayer" Central Choir