

WELCOME

Thank you for coming and participating in tonight's Joy Gift Service. The two greatest highlights of this service are the Christmas music presented by our children's choirs and the offering of the toys and gifts that will be used in our Christmas benevolence ministry. The families helped by our congregation this Christmas will be receiving their gifts this Tuesday. We pray that our Christmas giving and sharing brings joy to those who need it and is a witness to the goodness and love of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services will be held in the Sanctuary at 5:00 and 7:30 p.m. this Sunday, December 24. Plan to make worship an important part of your Christmas celebration as we light the Christ candle, sing carols, celebrate communion, and enjoy our traditional celebration of Christ's birth. A nursery for preschoolers will be provided for the 5:00 p.m. service. **Sunday School will not meet on Sunday, December 24.**



The Joy Gift Service

PRELUDE — “Sing We Now of Christmas” Larson

WELCOME AND INVOCATION Barbara Glasgow

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

OUR ADVENT CHORUS — “The Christmas Gift”

‘Tis the gift of a Savior, ‘tis the gift of God’s love who came to us from heav’n above. The Promised Messiah born in Bethlehem’s stall came to free His own as the Lord of all. Sing, sing a simple song of cheer; an Advent gift for all is here! Sing! Sing, for this Holy One is a gift of love, God’s Holy Son!

MUSIC BY THE MUSIC MATES CHOIR

Directors — Tammy Staples and Donna Waszak

Accompanist — Lisa Horton

Helper — Candace Heath

“Twinkle, Twinkle Great Big Star”

“Welcome Jesus to the Manger”

“Little Donkey”

“Jingle Bells”

“We Wish You a Merry Christmas”

*HYMN — “Away in a Manger” No. 110
McFarland-Murray

MUSIC BY THE CHERUB CHOIR

Director — April Vinson

Accompanist — Roger Peterson

Helpers — Katherine Gillespie, Beth Liles, and Bonnie Temple

“Asleep on the Hay”

“Silent Night”

“Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child”

“Shout It Out”

*RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: Lord, we long for your simple gifts for our lives.

People: We long for your peace.

Leader: We long for your joy.

People: We long for your hope.

Leader: We long for your love.

People: We long for your touch.

Leader: We long for your grace.

People: We long for your healing.

Leader: We long for your patience.

People: O Lord, open a spring in our lives that daily refreshes us with your simple gifts.

MUSIC BY THE JUNIOR CHOIR

Director — Barbara Glasgow

Assistant Director — Sheri Hester

Accompanist — Ted Rood

“Waiting for the Light”

“Round the Glory Manger”

“The Kings”

*HYMN — “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” No. 100
Work

MUSIC BY THE YOUTH HANDBELL CHOIR AND YOUTH CHOIR

Director — Barbara Glasgow

Accompanist — Patti Rood

“Ukrainian Bell Carol” (Carol of the Bells)

“Calypso Lullaby”

“The Christmas Miracle”

THE PARENTS SERMON Rev. Ward Page

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS Shannon Speller
We will bring our gifts by rows to the platform. These gifts will be used to help others at Christmas this year.

A PRAYER OF BLESSING Shannon Speller

*HYMN — “Joy to the World” No. 87
Watts-Handel

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE — “” arr. Hayes

*Congregation Standing