

Heritage United Methodist Church

# Christmas Eve Worship

5PM & 7PM

DEC 24, 2022, CHRISTMAS EVE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Maria Campbell

Opening Prayer

Liturgist—Suyeol Bae 5:00 worship

Liturgist—BJ Clark 7:00 worship

Gracious God, your love for us is so vast, so deep, that you chose to become one of us. May we live within the power of your love and share its light with a world where too many dwell in darkness. In the name of the Christ Child, we pray. Amen.

Song of Praise

O Little town of Bethlehem v 1,2

#230 UMH

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting

Amy Keith, Ross & Pat Chambliss 5:00 worship

Welland Family 7:00 worship

Hymn

Joy to the World v 1,2

#246 UMH

Children's Moment

Elise Mashburn, Director of Children's Ministries

Centering Song

What Child is This v1

#219 UMH

Scripture

Isaiah 9:2-7

Liturgist

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince

of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

## Pastoral Prayer

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## The Lord's Prayer

*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.*

## Scripture

Luke 2:1-7

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In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

## Anthem

The Hope of Christmas *(Pruis, West)*

## Scripture

Luke 2:8-20

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In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

## Message

Peace

Rev. Maria Campbell

Offertory	Little Drummer Boy	Christmas Ensemble
Doxology	Angels We Have Heard on High v 1	#238 UMH
Dedication of Offering		Liturgist

Generous God, as we bring our gifts in joy and thanksgiving for the gift of your son, Our Savior Jesus Christ. May the light of his presence renew in us once more the love we have for one another. In the name that is above all, we pray. Amen.

Holy Communion		Rev. Maria Campbell
Closing Song	Silent Night v 1,2,3,4 (a Capela on 4th verse)	#239 UMH
Blessing		Rev. Maria Campbell
Postlude		

Pianist—Yuefeng Liu Organist—Margaret Cinotto Worship Song Leader—Jacob Eppel

*Thank you to all our musicians, singers, readers & volunteers helping lead worship.*

## Kick off the New Year with Heritage

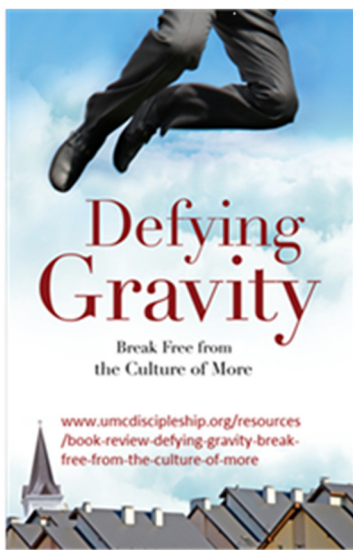
### Bible 365



Journey through the Bible with daily reading. An optional zoom discussion class will meet on Tuesday afternoons at 1pm to review and discuss the weekly readings.

Pick up the 2023 Bible 365 booklet from the info kiosk in Fellowship Hall or download from our website, [heritageumc.org](http://heritageumc.org).

Contact Cindy Svec, [cindys@heritageumc.org](mailto:cindys@heritageumc.org) for more information.



*Do you feel weighed down by things that you have accumulated? Do you want to be more generous in giving, but wonder how you could manage to make what feels like a sacrifice? In the study "Defying Gravity", Pastor Tom Berlin encourages us to let go of the pursuit of our culture's views of "the good life" in order to embrace the deeper happiness of a great life. (Courtesy of UMC Discipleship Ministries)*

Join us for this 4-week "Defying Gravity" study. In-person and online classes are available. The study will follow Pastor Maria's January sermon series also based on the "Defying Gravity" book by Tom Berlin.

Learn more about stewardship and how you can grow in discipleship and generosity and defy gravity through faith in 2023! Contact Tammy Kapeller, [tammy.kapeller@gmail.com](mailto:tammy.kapeller@gmail.com) for more information and a complete list of classes.

Sign up in Fellowship Hall

## Christmas Eve Songs 12.24.22

### O Little Town of Bethlehem v 1,2 #230 UMH

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie; above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!

### Joy to the World v 1,2 #246 UMH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, (and heaven and nature sing,) and heaven and nature sing, (and heaven and nature sing,) and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy, (repeat the sounding joy,) repeat the sounding joy, (repeat the sounding joy,) repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

### What Child Is This, v 1 #219 UMH

What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
**This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the Son of Mary.**

### Doxology – Angels We Have Heard on High v 1 #238 UMH

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. *Glo - - - - ri - a, in excelsis Deo! Glo - - - - ri - a, in excelsis Deo!*

### Silent Night, Holy Night #239 UMH

**Verse 1**—Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

**Verse 2**—Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

**Verse 3**—Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light; radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

**Verse 4 acapella**—Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

*Tilt unlit candle to receive light from lit candle. Keep lit candles upright. When you receive the light, pass it on. Lift your candle during the last verse.*