

Order of Worship: Sunday, December 31, 2023
9:30 AM Service of Worship
First Sunday after Christmas Day

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| Welcome and Announcements | | Rev. Dr. Latricia Scriven, Senior Pastor |
| Prelude Lighting of the Candles | <i>God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen</i> | arr. P. Rodriguez Acolytes |
| Opening Prayer | | Gary Eggebraaten and Congregation |
| | God of stable, stars and surprises, of light and hope and new life: open our eyes and hearts to your presence in our world; forgive our obsession with property and possessions; forgive our compromises and narrowness of vision. Open us to your grace, that we might hear again the song of the angels, and respond with a song in our hearts, and in our lives. Amen. | |
| Carol Sing | <i>Hark, the Herald Angels Sing</i> <i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i> | UMH 240 UMH 238 |
| Passing of the Peace | | |
| Children's Chat | | Rev. Dr. Scriven |
| Morning Prayer/The Lord's Prayer | Gary Eggebraaten | |
| Carol Sing | <i>What Child is This</i> <i>Away in a Manger</i> | UMH 219 UMH 217 |
| The Offering | | |
| Offering Prayer | | Rev. Dr. Scriven |
| Offertory | <i>Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella</i> | arr. D. Lasky |
| Doxology | | UMH 95 |
| Scripture | I Thessalonians 5:16-18 | Gary Eggebraaten |
| Sermon | "But God!" | Rev. Dr. Latricia and Sam Scriven |
| Carol | <i>There's a Song in the Air</i> | UMH 249, vs. 1 and 4 |
| Closing Prayer Sending Forth | "Canticle of Simeon" | UMH 225 Rev. Dr. Scriven |
| Postlude | <i>Echo Carol</i> | arr. J. Mansfield |

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