



The Community Gathers

PRELUDE, CHIMES & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Pam Campbell

WELCOME

Tonight, we remember a couple who becomes a family even though there was no room in the Inn. Tonight, a child is born to us, a son is given to us, and authority will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. May we make room in the Inn, so all are family.

OPENING HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

UMH#234

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: For you who are filled to the brim with happiness,

PEOPLE: Jesus Christ is born.

LEADER: For you who are mourning the loss of family and friends,

PEOPLE: Jesus Christ is born.

LEADER: For you who feel like you are tripping about in darkness,

PEOPLE: Jesus Christ is born.

LEADER: For you who rest in gratitude and contentment,

PEOPLE: Jesus Christ is born.

LEADER: For you who feel the ache of loneliness,

PEOPLE: Jesus Christ is born.

LEADER: For you who are surrounded by unlikely yet beautiful companionship,

PEOPLE: Jesus Christ is born.

SONG OF PRAISE

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

UMH#240

OPENING PRAYER

Open our hearts, merciful God, to the sparks of your presence in this world, that we might behold your presence in the least likely of places, and among the least likely of people, and so we may make room for you in our lives. Together, Lord, we may shine forth your light to banish whatever shadows we have tried to cast on this world, so we may be like the shepherds and serve as a continuation of the Christmas miracle: Emmanuel is in this world, God is with us, now and evermore. Amen.

ADVENT HYMN

Light the Advent Candle Song (fifth stanza only)

TFWS#2090

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

"Give to the Lord, all families of the nations – give to the Lord glory and power! Give to the Lord the glory due his name! Bring gifts! Enter his courtyards!" ~ Psalm 96:7-8

TITHES, GIFTS & OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

#94

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Hearing and Responding to the Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

HYMN

"Away in a Manger"

UMH#217

(First stanza only)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Angie Gabel-McConkey

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

AFFIRMATION

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Service of Light and Carols

HYMNS

O Little Town of Bethlehem (v 1, 3)

UMH#230

What Child is This

UMH#219

Silent Night

UMH#239

Let there Be Peace on Earth

UMH#431

CHRISTMAS LITANY

LEADER: Christmas comes every time we see God in others.

PEOPLE: Christmas comes when people face the darkness with honest vulnerability and humble courage.

LEADER: Christmas comes anytime they make room for Christ in the Inns of their lives. Christmas comes when someone runs to every Bethlehem of our day.

All: May Christmas come because the Christ was born anew in us today.

Going into the World to Serve

SENDING SONG

Joy to the World

UMH#246

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go Tell It on the Mountain

UMH#251


(First stanza only)


POSTLUDE & TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

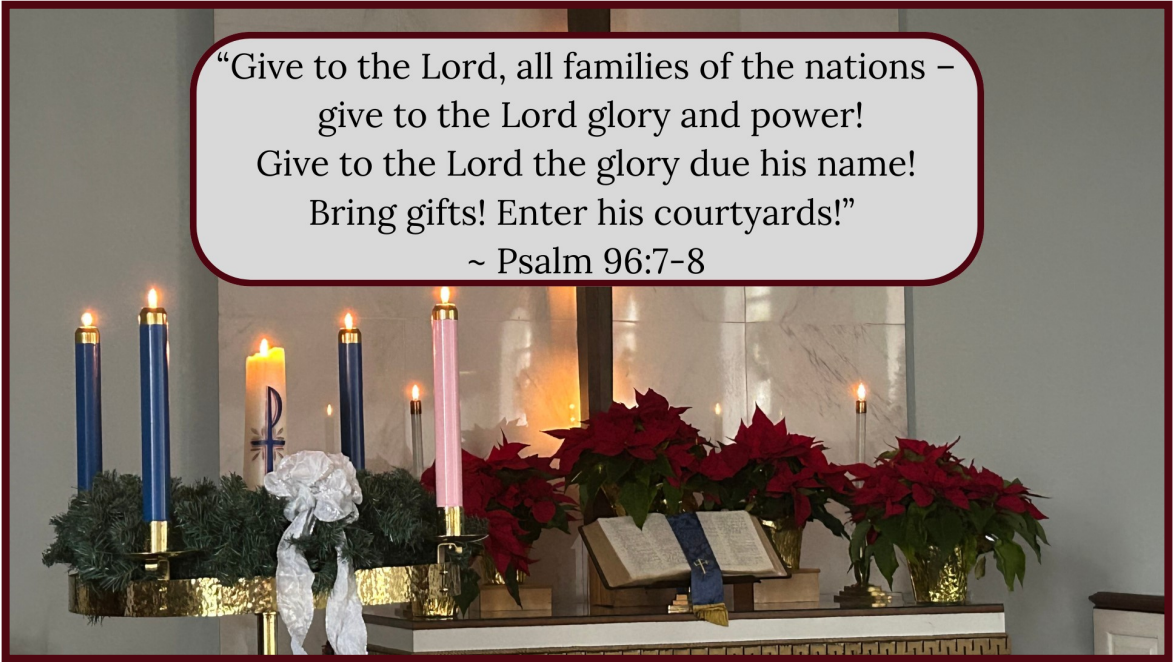


SENDING YOU PEACE, LOVE,
AND JOY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

MERRY
CHRISTMAS



 **CONCORDIA FIRST
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**



“Give to the Lord, all families of the nations –
give to the Lord glory and power!
Give to the Lord the glory due his name!
Bring gifts! Enter his courtyards!”

~ Psalm 96:7-8



Tuesday, December 24, 2024
Christmas Eve Candle Light Service

First United Methodist Church

740 West 11th St, Concordia, KS 66901
Church (785) 243-4560

Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday
9:00-4:00pm
Friday
Closed

Pastor E-mail: rev.mark.crist74@gmail.com

E-mail: concordia1umc@gmail.com

Website: www.concordiafumc.com

Rev. Mark Crist, Pastor

Do No Harm ~ Do Good ~ Stay in Love With God.

John Wesley