



SHE SHALL BRING
FORTH A SON.

AND THOU SHALT
CALL HIS NAME

Jesus.

MATTHEW 1:21

**First Methodist Church
Warren, PA 16365
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

December 24, 2023

7:30 PM

PRELUDE:

ORGAN "Bring a Torah, Jeanette Isabella" arr. Griffin

HANDBELLS "In The Bleak Midwinter" Linda Scholes

TRUMPET "Angels We Have Heard on High"
"Away in a Manger" arr. Mel Bay
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MADRIGALS "He is Born"
"Glory Hallelujah" arr. Schrader
Mayo/Bailey

SAXOPHONE "Mary Did You Know" Mark Lowry

HANDBELLS "The Shepherd's Song"
"Silent Night" Cynthia Dobrinski
Cynthia Dobrinski

ORGAN "Joy to the World" arr. Mason

CHORAL INTROIT "Love Came Down at Christmas"

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 174** "O Come All Ye Faithful" Adeste Fideles

WELCOME Rev. Bud Fickley

ANTHEM "There's a Tiny Baby Born Tonight" Steve Anderson

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Almighty God—you have made this night holy by the gift of your son, born of the Holy Spirit and of Mary. Upon him rested all your grace, through him has come all your mercy. Let his light shine within our hearts tonight even more brightly than it shines from the candles in this place. Help us to hear your word and to celebrate your everlasting love through him. Amen.

SCRIPTURE "Matthew 1:18-23" Pew Bible Page 877

CHRISTMAS PRAYER Rev. Bud Fickley

SCRIPTURE	“Isaiah 9:2-7”	Pew Bible Pages 624-625
HYMN No. 197	“Away in a Manger”	Mueller
SCRIPTURE	“Luke 2:1-7”	Pew Bible Page 933
HYMN No. 192	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	St. Louis
SCRIPTURE	“Luke 2:8-14”	Pew Bible Page 933
ANTHEM	“Hurry on Down to Bethlehem”	Price and Besig
SCRIPTURE	“Luke 2:15-20”	Pew Bible Page 933
ANTHEM	“The Shepherd’s Pipe Carol”	Hannibal and Thornhill
SCRIPTURE	“Matthew 2:1-11”	Pew Bible Pages 877 - 878
ANTHEM	“O Night Divine”	arr. Lloyd Larson
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE		Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

The pastor will light the acolytes’ candles, who will then pass the light. Please do not tilt the burning candles, only unlit ones.

HYMN No. 199	“Silent Night”	Stille Nacht
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**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.**

**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**

**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.**

**4. 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!**

BLESSING

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

POSTLUDE

“Good Christian Men Rejoice and Sing”

arr. Pethel

ORGANIST:	Michele Sandberg
CHOIRS:	Chancel Choir, Epworth Bellringers, Peals of Praise and Madrigals
CHOIR DIRECTOR:	Ruth Nelson
SOLOISTS:	Melissa McCracken, Jon Swart, Karen Hecht, and Chad Betts
SAXOPHONE:	Bud Fickley
FLAUTIST:	Pat Murphy
TRUMPETER:	Mikki Gifford
PERCUSSIONIST:	David Dorn
CARILLON:	Nettie Swart
ACOLYTES:	Holden Demers, Abby McCord, Allison Conti, and Grace Carr
ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING:	Dusky and Dick Merenick

CHILDREN’S NURSERY ~ We will have a children’s nursery available during the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. The nursery is located down the hall from the sanctuary. It is the first door on the right across from the parlors.

*Wishing you a most joyous and
blessed Christmas!*

~ The First Methodist Church Staff

POINSETTIAS

AND

CONTRIBUTIONS

GIVEN FOR THE GLORY OF

ALMIGHTY GOD

IN MEMORY AND IN HONOR OF LOVED ONES

AND FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

2023



POINSETTIAS

IN MEMORY OF:

Jennifer Taylor-Aponte

Jane Betts

John W. Bimber

Genevieve and Harold Bloomgren

David Bremer

Benjamin and Mildred Bumbarger

James and Florence California

Pat Carlson

Rev. and Mrs. J. Paul Ciampa

Ronald G. Clover

Steve and Maria Cosmano

Alan Crone

John Crone

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GIVEN BY:

Klaus Lichte

Chad and Tawni Betts

Kathy and John A. Bimber

Victor, Courtney, Ava and Veronica Pierce

Linda Clover and Karen Beardsley

Heidi Ketzko and Family

Donna Bumbarger

Mark, Patty, and Jared

Caroline and David Dorn and Family

Sylvia and John Slaney

Linda Clover and Karen Beardsley

Jim and Stephanie Tannler

Shirley Crone

Todd and Veronica and

Rusty, Dale, and Ashley at

Peterson Blick Funeral Home

Sylvia and John Slaney

POINSETTIAS

IN MEMORY OF:

Charles Ditz

Deceased Family Members

John and Mary Dudick

Peter and Barbara Dudick

Kara Giegerich Donaldson

Janet Evan

Karen Ewing

Robert J. and Marilyn A Frycklund

Jacqueline and Cassandra Giambrone

Harold and Margaret Gesin

Barbara Hallock

Gladys Judd

Caroline Jung

Lois and Melissa Kashella

James B. Kemp

Mary Jane Kemp

GIVEN BY:

Caroline and David Dorn and Family

Dick and Dusky Merenick

Their Grandchildren

Their Family

Amanda Betts

Neal and Peggy Twist

Norm Ewing

Montour, Enserro, Dorunda, Frycklund,
and Chan Families

Michael, Debbie, Nicholas, and Kayla
Giambrone

Their Grandchildren

Terry, Stacey, Scott & Dan

Shirley Crone

Caroline and David Dorn and Family

Neal and Peggy Twist

Alan and Mary Jo Zubrod

POINSETTIAS

IN MEMORY OF:

Chris Kintner

Christine Kintner

Ernest and Lois Knapp

Gloria Lichte

Gloria Taylor-Lichte

Nancy Lichte

Cathie and Charlie MacKenzie

Vernon Mickle

Lucy Nelson

Eugene O'Neill

Edward Ord

Ralph Ord

Ralph Ord

Our Parents – Glen Culbertson

Brita and Donald Dorn

Our Parents - Carl & Millie Glotz

Bill Hice

Helen Hendrickson

GIVEN BY:

Jim and Stephanie Tannler

Chris's Family

Neal and Peggy Twist

Pam Lewis

Klaus Lichte

Caroline and David Dorn and Family

Wife Sandra

Pam Lewis

Kathy and John Bimber,

Courtney, Victor, Ava and Veronica Pierce

Audree Ord and Family

David and John Slaney

Caroline and David Dorn and Family

Harold and Linda Hice

POINSETTIAS

IN MEMORY OF:

Dammond Park

Nathan Park

Michael Park

Nathan Park

Nathan Park

Roger Schnaebele

Dwight and Jeannette Silzle

Mrs. Elsie Smith

Steve Smith

Richard Tannler

Raymond Taylor

Ernest and Agnes Twist

Marcel Veltz

Dennis Voty

Edward and Sugar Voty

Thomas Voty

Timothy Voty

Robert Weiler

GIVEN BY:

Klaus Lichte

Jack Park Family

John Slaney

Caroline and David Dorn and Family

Bob and Sharon Silzle

John and Robin Wagner

Neal and Peggy Twist

Jim and Stephanie Tannler

Klaus Lichte

Neal and Peggy Twist

Caroline and David Dorn and Family

Michael, Debbie, Nicholas, and Kayla
Giambrone

Neal and Peggy Twist

POINSETTIAS

IN MEMORY OF:

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wagner

William S. and Beverly P. Walters

Bebe Warren

Bebe Warren

Lawrence "Red" Whitten

GIVEN BY:

John and Robin Wagner

Their Children

Heidi Ketzko and Family

Jim and Stephanie Tannler

Wife, Helen

POINSETTIAS

IN HONOR OF:

Both our Children

The Chancel Choir

The Ministerial Staff at First Methodist Church

Children and Grandchildren

Rev. Bud and Grace Fickley

Rev. Dr. Mark and Karen Hecht

Rev. Michael Rutenber

Rev. Jon and Nettie Swart

Helen Whitten

Rhett and Aubrey Wood

GIVEN BY:

Jon and Nettie Swart

Nancy L. Johnson

Dick and Dusky Merenick

Karen Beardsley and Linda Clover

Daughter, Laura

Jim and Stephanie Tannler

GIFTS TO THE FLOWER FUND

GIVEN BY:

Donna Bumbarger

Heidi Ketzko

Klaus Lichte

Todd and Veronica and
Rusty, Dale and Ashley at
Peterson Blick Funeral Home

***Offering Plates are
located at both doors.***



May this holiday season
leave you with precious memories:
A Christmas filled with love and light,
perfect gifts, delicious foods,
love and joy all around.
A New Year with continuing blessings—
friends, family, good work, great fun,
and delightful surprises.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!