

Sunny Side United Methodist Church
Christmas Eve
December 24, 2025

*We are so glad you are worshipping with us on this holy night!!
We hope you feel the love and peace of Christ in this place, as we celebrate His birth.*

Gathering Music

Welcome

Rev. JoAn Kinrade

***Chiming of the Hour**

***Opening Prayer**

Prelude

Tom Robinson

Hymn Introduction: "Adeste Fideles"

David Kinrade

(Please remain seated, until the indicated time to stand).

***Hymn:** "O Come All Ye Faithful" (verses 1, 2, 3, 6)

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Pastor JoAn and David Kinrade,

Harper Rae Carnes, Mark Thompson, Riley Thompson

***Hymn:** "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing".

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Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Kenny Smallhorn

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Luke 2: 1-20

Fred Flory

Message: "Miracles in a Messy Manger"

"O Magnum Mysterium", by Lauridsen

Emily Thompson

*Translation: O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see
the newborn Lord, lying in a manger! Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was
worthy to bear Christ the Lord. Alleluia!*

"The Manger," by Wilson and Turner

Rachel Kinrade

Reading: "The Cross in the Manger," by Ann Weems

Peg Lawrence

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (Please see insert)

In the United Methodist Church, all are welcome at God's Table of Grace. Tonight, as you come forward, hold your hands in the shape of a cross to represent the cross on which Jesus died for our sins. Pastor Kenny will give you a piece of bread, representing the body of Jesus Christ. Eat the bread, then drink a cup of juice,

representing the blood of Jesus Christ, shed for you. May these ordinary elements of bread and juice remind you of God's extraordinary love for all of us!

***If you would like personal prayer, see Pastor JoAn before returning to your seat.**

Special Music: "O Holy Night, "
Silent Meditation

Choir Ensemble

***Hymn:** "Silent Night"

*(Please see candle lighting instructions on back page and remain seated until the
Light of Christ has been passed to everyone).*

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.

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!

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.

Silent night, holy night, Wondrous star, lend them light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King,
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

***Benediction and Benediction Response:** "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator, children all are we
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

***Postlude**

Candle Lighting Instructions:

When the lighted candle is presented to you, please tip your candle horizontally over the candle. Once your candle is lit, please hold it upright. Then, turn to the person next to you and they will tip their candle as you hold yours upright. Please keep your lit candle upright to keep wax from dripping on the pews and floor. After we sing the Benediction Response, please gently blow out your candle. As you exit the sanctuary, place the unlit candles into the basket in the Narthex.

Outreach Ministries: Thanks be to God for the opportunities to join Him in serving the community and contributing to mission projects around the world!

This year, our church has been actively serving in the following ways:

- Christmas gifts for 6 Beaverbrook Elementary Families
- Christmas Turkey Dinner boxes for 130 families in the community
- Partnership in Education with Beaverbrook Elementary School
- Food Pantry on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month (serving 175+ families each month)
- United Women in Faith Holiday Bazaar (100% of proceeds goes to missions)
- Men's Club Chicken Leg Quarter Sale for the Community
- Sack Lunches for Children during the month of July
- Mission Trip to El Salvador
- Special Offerings to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), Wellroot Family Services, Texas Conference Relief and Recovery Ministries
- Financial Assistance to community members in emergency situations

You are invited to participate in any of these outreach ministries. Where do you feel God calling you to serve?

Please join us:

Sunday School for Children and Adults each Sunday in the Education Building at 9:45am, Worship on Sundays at 11am.

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