

Downers Grove First United Methodist Church



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Prelude *I Wonder as I Wander* arr. Keith Rowley

Welcome Rev. John Smoke

Special Music

Patapan and Silent Night
Matthew Green, piano

Ding Dong Merrily on High
Sarah Green, piano

Christmas Carols Medley
Edwin Mithra, piano

Call to Worship

Tonight on Christmas Eve we kneel with families all over the Earth in the presence of the Most High.

Out of the darkness, we have seen a great light.

The birth of a baby calls us to something special.

Let our worship be our new beginning. Amen.

***Opening Carol #230** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* verses 1 & 2

Anthem *Away in a Manger*
Angel Choir

Lighting the Advent Candles and the Christ Candle

Brian, Heather, Addy, and Hazel Chelmecki

Anthem *Waiting Carol* Helen Kemp
Cherub Choir

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:2, 6

Anthem *Carol of the Donkey* Douglas E Wagner
Cherub Choir

Anthem *Child of Peace* Don Besig, Nancy Price
Chorister Choir

The Christmas Story: The Nativity illustrated by Julie Vivas

Anthem *Led by a Brilliant Star* Patricia Lou Harris
Chorister Choir

Anthem *Shine Little Star* Betty Dardess
Connection Choir

Anthem *In Bethlehem Town* Douglas E Wagner
Connection Choir

Children's Message *All children are invited to come forward.* Rev. John Smoke

Presentation of Our Christmas Offering

Offertory *African Alleluia* Benjamin Harlan
Cherub, Chorister, and Connection Choirs

***Doxology** Hymnal No. 238 Refrain

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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Prayer of Dedication

Thank you, God of Love, for the promise of this season. We are grateful for the gift of Christ coming into the world. May these gifts represent a new spirit of joyous sharing among us, for the sake of all your children everywhere. Amen.

***Hymn #239** *Silent Night, Holy Night* verses 1 & 2

Tolling of the Church Bell Announcing the Birth of the Christ Child

***Christmas Benediction**

The Word has become flesh and dwelt among us.

Let Christ's love shine in the darkest corners of our world. God is with us.

Merry Christmas. Amen.

***Hymn #246** *Joy to the World* verses 1 & 4

***Postlude** *Canzona (based on Joy to the World)* Michael Helman

****Please rise as you are able.***

Bold text indicates congregational response.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Please note that this service is being recorded and livestreamed on YouTube.

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Angel Choir

Debbie Phillips, Director • Joy Doran, Accompanist

Emily Dortwegt	Connor Jamrose	Patrick Linn	Penny Rogalla
George Eliopulus	Alexi Kincanon	LucasNeidlinger-Vogt	Cora Swanson
Oliver Hesse	Nathan Koehler	Evie Ochoa	

Cherub Choir

Debbie Phillips, Director • Dave Sandfort, Accompanist

Ivar Chalberg	Henry Kincanon	Coco Lewandowski	Molly Olsen
Hazel Chelmecki	Auggie Klaus	Ella Loane	Declan Olsen
Julianna Eliopulus	Miles Klaus	Finley Loane	Leighton Smith
Sarah Green	Lilleigh Knitter	MaggieMayborne-Roose	Declan Swanson
Matthew Green	Raelynn Kostelny	Elsie Ochoa	Sarah Zmaczynski
Isaac Hesse			

Chorister Choir

Nick Loos, Director • Joy Doran, Accompanist

Jack Brockway	Francesca Kincanon	Edwin Mithra	Jack Rogalla
Harry Chalberg	Ethan Klepper	Ethan Neidlinger-Vogt	Neena Swanson
Addy Chelmecki	Michael Klepper	Nolan Quirk	Aubree Tomsick
Ryan Gallagher	Eloise Lewandowski		

Connection Choir

Nick Loos, Director • Joy Doran, Accompanist

Emileigh Gallagher	Evan Loo	Natalie Rogalla
Mary Klaus	Audrey Ostwald	Camryn Tallarico
Andrew Klepper	Liam Quirk	Marlo Tallarico
		Claire Tolson

Piano
Sound
Video

Elizabeth Vaughan
Tom Lykins
Sam Brockway

