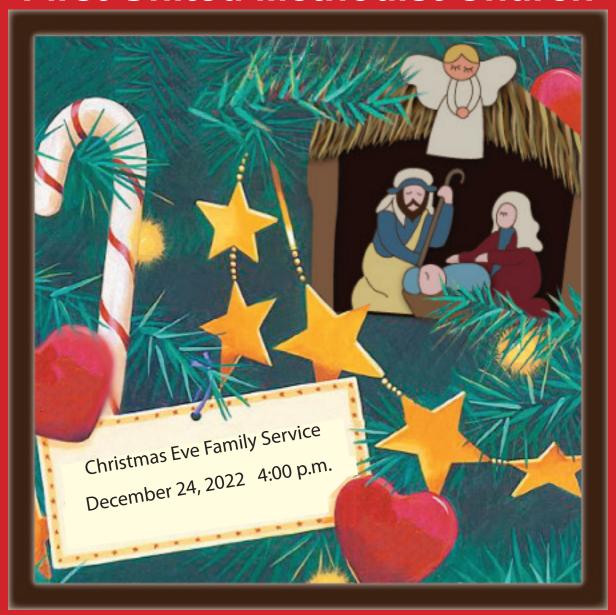
# Downers Grove First United Methodist Church



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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 Dougles 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! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

## **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.

Hearing Loop switch hearing aid to Earl

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** George Eliopulus Connor Jamrose Alexi Kincanon

Patrick Linn Lucas Neidlinger-Vogt Penny Rogalla Cora Swanson

Oliver Hesse

Nathan Koehler Evie Ochoa

# Cherub Choir Debbie Phillips, Director • Dave Sandfort, Accompanist

Ivar Chalberg Hazel Chelmecki Julianna Eliopulus Sarah Green Matthew Green Isaac Hesse

Henry Kincanon Auggie Klausa Miles Klausa Lilleigh Knitter Raelynn Kostelny

Coco Lewandowski Ella Loane Finley Loane MaggieMayborne-Roose Declan Swanson

Elsie Ochoa

Molly Olsen Declan Olsen Leighton Smith Sarah Zmaczynski

**Chorister Choir** Nick Loos, Director • Joy Doran, Accompanist

**Jack Brockway** Harry Chalberg Addy Chelmecki Ryan Gallagher

Francesca Kincanon Ethan Klepper Michael Klepper Eloise Lewandowski

**Edwin Mithra** Ethan Neidlinger-Vogt Neena Swanson Nolan Ouirk

**Jack Rogalla** Aubree Tomsick

# Connection Choir Nick Loos, Director • Joy Doran, Accompanist

Emileigh Gallagher Mary Klausa **Andrew Klepper** 

Evan Loo **Audrey Ostwald** Liam Ouirk

Natalie Rogalla Camryn Tallarico Marlo Tallarico Claire Tolson

Piano Sound Video

Elizabeth Vaughan Tom Lykins Sam Brockway







