



**First United Methodist Church of Salem**  
Christmas Eve Service, December 24, 2018 | 7 p.m.  
*A Service of Worship, Scripture, Music and Candlelight*

*Guests and Members, welcome to the starlit stable as angels and shepherds  
lead us in worshiping at the bedside of our newborn King!*

*Merry Christmas!*

**THE PRELUDE (6:45 p.m.)**

**“A Christmas Eve Meditation”**

**Karen Buchmann , Linda Peterson & Yvonne Bennett**

*Christmas music is provided to help establish the atmosphere of this service.  
We hope you will enjoy the music and, through quiet meditation, use this time  
to prepare yourself for receiving the gift of God’s Son.*

**THE BRIDGE | ADULT CHOIR (7 p.m.)**

“He Is Born”

*by Mary McDonald*

Narration – Phil Buchman

Percussion – Roger Zeigler

**WELCOME  
INVOCATION**

**“RINGERS FOR JESUS” CHILDREN’S BELL CHOIR**

“We Wish You a Merry Christmas”

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL**

**249** “There’s a Song in the Air

**ADULT CHOIR**

“Rejoice”

Arr. by Koerts

**THE OFFERTORY**

“All Is Well”

*by Michael W. Smith*

**THE DOXOLOGY**

**THE SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 2:1-20

**THE GLORIA PATRI – 70**

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL**

**230** “O Little Town of Bethlehem

**THE ADULT CHOIR**

“A Weary Couple”

*Words by Adam Tice, Arr. by Tony Alonso*

Mary & Joseph – Abby & Phil Bennett

Soloist – Chris Brown

**CHRISTMAS MEDITATION**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Joseph’s Lullaby”

Vocalist – David Peterson

**THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

*PASSING THE LIGHT – As we sing “Silent Night”, light will be taken from the Christ candle and passed by the ushers to the congregation. Please do not tilt lighted candles, rather tilt the unlighted candles into the flame. Please remember that hair spray is flammable, so please use care when passing the light. Please do not hand candles to small children.*

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL**

**239** – “Silent Night”

**BENEDICTION**

*(Extinguish the candles at the conclusion of the prayer. PLEASE HOLD CANDLES UPRIGHT UNTIL THE MELTED WAX HAS SOLIDIFIED. AS YOU EXIT, PLACE CANDLES AND DRIP PROTECTORS IN THE CONTAINERS AT THE REAR OF THE SANCTUARY.)*

*Merry Christmas from the Staff of the First United Methodist Church of Salem, Ohio.*

*Please have safe travels and good times  
with family and friends. Remember that  
“Jesus is the Reason for the Season”*

*Joyce and I would like to thank each of you for your kindness and generosity over the past year. Your faithfulness and allegiance to the Kingdom of God is an encouragement to us. We trust this Christmas Eve service will be an encouragement and inspiration to you. We thank those who are participating and leading this evening. Our prayer is that you have a merry, meaningful and blessed Christmas.*

*Pastor & Joyce*

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**We invite you to worship the King with us every week. Our Chapel Service begins at 8:30 am. The Chapel is located in our Educational Wing and can be accessed easiest from the south parking lot. Sunday School for all ages is from 9:30-10:20 am. Our Sanctuary Service begins at 10:40 am. Our Hearts on Fire Ministry is a relaxed service held in our Lower Level from 11:00-11:45 am. each Sunday.**

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*Merry Christmas*