

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2025 | 6:00 p.m.

- Prelude**.....*“Angels We Have Heard On High”*.....Linda Morey
- Opening Hymn**.....*“O Come All Ye Faithful”*
- Welcome & Invocation**.....Jim Loeffler
- Christmas Offering**...Will be given to SHUMC Missions for local, regional and world needs.
- Offertory**.....*“The First Noel”*.....Linda Morey
- Doxology/Blessing of Gifts**
- Lighting The Advent Wreath**.....Nick and Sarah Troup
- Hymn**.....*“It Came Upon A Midnight Clear”*
- Titus 2:11-14**.....Lisa Gnibus
- Hymn**.....*“Angels We Have Heard On High”*
- Prayer**
- Special Music**.....*“O Holy Night”*.....Tom Woolslayer
- Kids Talk**
- Hymn**.....*“The First Noel”*
- New Testament Reading**.....Luke 2:1-20
- Hymn**.....*“Joy To The World”*
- Message** *Holy Moments: Light Into The World*
- Sharing the Light of Christ**
- Responding To God’s Love**.....*“Silent Night”*.....Linda Morey
- Benediction/Blessing**
- Christmas Postlude**....*“He Is Born, The Divine Christ Child”*....Linda Morey

Advent Wreath

Reader One:

Tonight, we gather to remember with the prophet Isaiah: *For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this (Isaiah 9:6-7).*

Congregation:

We gather to once again bask in the glory that visited a stable and a manger, shepherds watching their flocks, and a young couple cradling the newborn Messiah.

Reader Two:

We light the Christ candle as a sign of the glory that came among us in unexpected places and to unexpected people, that we may be people who seek and follow the glory of the Christ child here and now.

Light the center candle of the wreath.

Thank you for sharing in this Christmas Eve with your friends and family from South Harborcreek United Methodist Church. We wish everyone a very happy and joyous Christmas with peace and love to all!

Luke 2:1-20

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ²(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a **manger**, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, ***“Do not be afraid. I bring you GOOD NEWS that will cause GREAT JOY for ALL THE PEOPLE.***

¹¹ *Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.* ¹² *This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”*

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ ***“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”***

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ***“Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”***

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who ***was lying in the manger.*** ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But ***Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.*** ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.