## Glory to God in the highest heaven







December 24, 2023 Christmas Eve 6:30 PM

## Welcome to Christmas Eve at Federated Church

If you have no church home, this congregation invites you to share the exciting journey of faith with us. Jesus is at the center of all we are and do. Federated is a place to belong and a place to become.

**Prelude** Christmas Eve Pre-Service Music

Twas in the Moon of Wintertime (Arr. L. Petersen)

Nataliya Shehluk, violin

Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella (Arr. R. Walters)

Nataliya Shehluk, violin

Laura Otis, soprano

Star Carol (Carl Nygard, Jr.) Federated Choir; Nataliya Shehluk, violin

Deo Gloria (Boyd Bacon) Federated Choir

What Child Is This?

Nancy Isham, Kate Breen; duet

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (J. Brahms)

Nataliya Shehluk, violin

Gesu Bambino (P. Yon) Amanda Osman-Balzell, soprano

Ave Maria (Gounod/Bach) Bruce Gigax, baritone

Director, Federated Choir: Joshua Konow Piano and Organ Accompanist: Marcia Snavely

**Welcome and Call to Worship** Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

Carol O Come, All Ye Faithful (arr. Mack Wilberg) No. 148

Federated Choir and Congregation;

Nataliya Shehluk, violin; Rebecca Konow, cello; Marcia Snavely, organ

**The Longing** Micah 5:2; Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6 Charlie Asplin

**Anthem** A Song, A Star, A Little Child (Don Besig) Federated Choir;

Nataliya Shehluk, violin; Marcia Snavely; piano

**The Fulfillment** Luke 2:1-7 Charlie Asplin

\* Carol Angels We Have Heard on High No. 155

\* Those who are able please stand

**The Praise** Luke 2:8-20 Charlie Asplin

Anthem Ave Generosa (Ola Gjeilo) Federated Choir;

Ruby Brandon, soloist

Christmas Eve Offering for Humble Design Rev. Betsy Wooster

Offertory O Holy Night (arr. Craig Courtney) Bruce Gigax, baritone;

Marcia Snavely, piano

\* **Doxology** The First Noel (verse 5)

No. 151

Then entered in those wise ones three, full reverently upon their knee, And offered there, in his presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

Noel, Noel, Noel,

Born is the King of Israel.

\* Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Throckmorton

Prayers of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Wooster

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

\* Carol Away in a Manger No. 147

**Christmas Eve Sermon** Rev. Throckmorton

The Service of Candle-lighting

Spreading the light of Christ into our homes and world

Carol Silent Night, Holy Night No. 145

**Benediction** Rev. Throckmorton

**Postlude of Christmas Music** (Arr. Marcia Snavely) Marcia Snavely, organ



This Sanctuary is equipped with a **Hearing Loop system** that works with all **Telecoil-equipped hearing aids** to amplify sound with excellent clarity.

## ~Departing to Service~



## **UPCOMING WORSHIP**

Sunday, December 31st, 10 AM
New Year's Eve
Rev. Betsy Wooster preaches
"When the Light Beckons"
Matthew 2:1-12