



I BRING YOU  
*good tidings*  
OF  
*great joy.*

LUKE 2:10

# The Service of Worship

## Christmas Eve Service

\*Please turn the sound off on your cell phone

December 24, 2024

3:00 & 8:00 p.m.

**Prelude**

**Lighting of the Altar Candles**

**Westminster Chimes**

Jan Hacker & Dawn Ward

**Words of Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

**Leader** On this night, Christ is born!

**People** **Now the Savior has appeared.**

**Leader** On this night, the heavenly chorus resounds!

**People** **All creation rejoices!**

**Leader** On this night, the church throughout the world joins their cry:

**People** **Glory to God in the Highest! Alleluia**

**Leader** Glory to God in the highest!

**People** **And hope to every discouraged heart.**

**Leader** Glory to God in the highest!

**People** **And peace to every conflicted soul.**

**Leader** Glory to God in the highest!

**People** **And joy to every downcast spirit.**

**Leader** Glory to God in the highest!

**People** **And love to everyone!**

**\*Hymn**

[O Come, All Ye Faithful](#)

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**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

3:00 p.m. -

8:00 p.m. -

**Special Music**

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Chancel Choir

**Christmas Prayer (Unison)**

God of Surprising Love, we come this evening to the manger, gazing lovingly on the Child born to bring hope, joy and peace to the world engulfed in apathy, pain and loss; a world separated from you. Speak to us now that we may hear the good news of your salvation. Help us to be guided by the Light of Jesus Christ, that we may truly feel the power of your love and bring that love to all we meet. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

**Special Music**

Tiny Miracle

Chancel Choir



**Pastoral Prayer**

**Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory Prayer** (unison)

God, we celebrate the birth of the Holy Child! Although born in humble surroundings, Jesus' presence surrounds all who call upon his name. The love born in a manger long ago is birthed again. We gratefully offer these financial gifts as a way to provide hope, peace, joy and love for all God's children. We rejoice in knowing that your ministry is strengthened by our gifts and prayers. We pray in the name of the Babe in the Manger. Amen

**Special Music** Born Tonight in Bethlehem Chancel Choir

**Scripture** [Luke 2: 1-20](#)

**Special Music** Be a Gift to a World in Need Sarah Burrall & Chancel Choir

**Message** Avoid Christmas Catastrophe Rev. Ken McDonald

**Special Music** O Holy Night Dawn Ward

**Lighting of Candles**

**\*Hymn** [Silent Night, Holy Night](#) #239

**\*Benediction**

**WELCOME GUESTS!** To all who seek a warm and spirit filled place to worship;  
To all who seek a church home; to all who struggle and desire victory;  
To all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tired and need rest;  
To all who are friendless and want friendship;  
To all who are joyful and want to celebrate;  
To all who are grateful and want to give thanks; to all who sin and need a Savior;  
And to whosoever will our Pastor and the members open wide the doors of  
Glen Burnie UMC, and in the name of Jesus the Lord, says – **WELCOME!**



Merry Christmas Everyone, from Pastor Ken and the Staff of  
Glen Burnie United Methodist Church!