**BENEDICTION** John 1:1-5, 14

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** "Joy to the World"

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare Him room,

And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven and heaven and nature sing.

**If you purchased poinsettias in memory of someone or if poinsettias were purchased in your honor, please take them with you tonight.**

*Offering boxes are located at the front and rear of the sanctuary and in the narthex.*

# First United Methodist Church

**900 Spring Street Johnson City, TN 37604**

Welcome to First Church. We are glad you are here!

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**December 24, 2022**

**Christmas Eve**

**FIRST THINGS FIRST**

**PRELUDE** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Arr. Emma Lou Diemer

**"Glad Tidings"**

**HYMNS OF PRAISE** On Screen

O What a Glorious Night

Born is the King (It's Christmas)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 2:1-7

**HYMNS OF ADORATION** On Screen

Once in Royal David's City

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Away in a Manger

**"A Very Special Christmas"**

**MUSICAL MEDITATION** "Mary, Did You Know?" Dan Mahoney

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 2:8-14

**HYMNS OF JOY** On Screen

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels From the Realms of Glory

**MISSION MOMENT**

**CHRISTMAS PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 2:15-20

**ANTHEM** "Christ is Born This Holy Night" Chancel Choir

**SERMON** Rev. Jodie Ihfe

**HYMN OF REFLECTION** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Verse 4

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;

Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** Hymnal pages 15-16

***LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

Taking their light from the Christ candle of the Advent wreath, the minister and acolytes will light the candles of the persons seated at the ends of each row. Those persons will then light the candle of the person seated next to them. *Please handle the lighted candles with great care. Hold your burning candle straight* ***(do not tilt it)*** *while the person seated next to you lights their candle from yours. You may keep your candle or place your extinguished candle in a box at the doors to the sanctuary.*

**HYMN OF DEVOTION** "Silent Night"

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright

Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild,

Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherd quake at the sight;

Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!

Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;

With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;

Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!