

## **BENEDICTION**

### **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Go Tell it on the Mountain”

Go, tell it on the mountain

Over the hills and everywhere

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That Jesus Christ is born

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

### **Special Offering for Family Promise**

The mission of Family Promise is to help families experiencing homelessness and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response. Local churches support the families and the programs led by Family Promise.

*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, 2023**

**Christmas Eve**

#### **PRELUDE**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Arr. Richard Lloyd

#### **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

#### **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**

Cliff, Evangeline, Graham & Bradford Hurter, Rev. Alan Chapman

#### **“CULTURES OF CHRISTMAS”**

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 2:1-7

#### **HYMNS OF ADORATION**

On Screen

Once in Royal David's City

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Away in a Manger

#### **MUSICAL MEDITATION**

“Sweet Little Jesus Boy”

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**

"Praise to the Holy Child"

Chancel Choir

**SERMON****"The Reason for the Season"**

Rev. Jodie Ihfe

*Children are invited to come forward to participate in the message***HYMN OF REFLECTION**

"The First Noel"

The first Noel the angel did say

Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;

In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,

On a cold winter's night that was so deep

Noel, noel, noel, noel

Born is the King of Israel

**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, shepherds 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!