

*Glory to God in
The highest heaven*



Christmas Eve 12:30 pm



December 24, 2024

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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

Variations on Greensleeves (Anonymous)

Kaleb Chesnic, flute

Sweet Little Jesus Boy (R. MacGimsey)

Anna Buescher, soloist

Veni (Jason Krug)

Federated Bell Choir

Ave Maria (Gounod/Bach)

Kaleb Chesnic, flute and Marcia Snavelly, organ

Director, Federated Bell Choir: Joshua Konow

Piano and Organ Accompanist: Marcia Snavelly

Welcome and Call to Worship

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Rev. Betsy Wooster

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

All: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

All: For those who have lived in a land of deep shadows – Light!

Sunbursts of Light!

One: For a child has been born

All: For us!

One: A Son has been given

All: For all of us!

One: Authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor,
Mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority will grow.

All: There will be no limits to the peace he brings.

* Carol

O Come, All Ye Faithful

No. 148

* Those who are able please stand

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Al Woehrle and Rev. Susi Kawolics

Scripture

Micah 5:2-5a

Al Woehrle

Anthem

Manger Reflections (arr. Sandra Eithun)

Federated Bell Choir

* Carol

O Little Town of Bethlehem

No. 144

Scripture

Luke 2:1-7

Al Woehrle

Anthem

Mary, Did You Know. (M. Lowry and B. Greene)

Anna Buescher, soloist

Scripture

Luke 2:8-20

Rev. Kawolics

* Carol

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

No. 150

Christmas Eve Offering for Re:Source Cleveland

Rev. Kawolics

Offertory

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentleman (arr. Sandra Eithun)

Federated Bell Choir

* 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, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.**

* Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Wooster

Prayers of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Kawolics

**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.**



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

* Carol	<i>Joy to the World</i>	No. 143
Christmas Eve Sermon		Rev. Wooster
The Service of Candle-lighting		Rev. Wooster and Rev. Susi Kawolics
	Spreading the light of Christ into our homes and world	
Carol	<i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i>	No. 145
Benediction		Rev. Wooster
Postlude of Christmas Music	(arr. Marcia Snavelly)	Marcia Snavelly, organ

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service TODAY at 6:30 PM

Sunday, December 29th, 10 AM

Revs. Judy & Brian Bagley-Bonner

A Service of Songs and Stories