

*Glory to God in
The highest heaven*



Christmas Eve 6:30 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

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| <i>Overture to Cantata "For Unto Us a Child is Born" (J.S. Bach)</i> | Randy Fusco, piano Marcia Snavely, organ |
| <i>He is Born (arr. R. Lehman)</i> | Kaleb Chesnic, flute |
| <i>This Holy Christmas Night (L. Larson)</i> | Nancy Isham, Kate Breen, Susan Brooks, vocal trio |
| <i>The Holly and the Ivy (arr. A.S. Watson)</i> | Kaleb Chesnic, flute |
| <i>God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen (J. Raney)</i> | Randy Fusco & Marcia Snavely, piano duet |
| <i>Christmas Gloria (arr. K. Christopher)</i> | The Federated Choir, Joshua Konow, director |
| <i>Joy to the World (J. Raney)</i> | Randy Fusco, piano and Marcia Snavely, organ |
| <i>Ave Maria (Gounod/Bach)</i> | Lindsay Elmore, soprano; Marcia Snavely, organ |

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

Welcome

Rev. Betsy Wooster

* Call to Worship

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

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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!

* Those who are able please stand

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* (arr. Mack Wilberg) No. 148
Federated Choir and Congregation; Kaleb Chesnic, flute; Marcia Snavelly, organ

The Longing Micah 5:2; Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6 Ruby Brandon

Anthem *Sleep, Little Holy Child* (Mark Williams) Kaleb Chesnic, flute;
Marcia Snavelly, piano; Federated Choir

The Fulfillment Luke 2:1-7 Ruby Brandon

* **Carol** *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* No. 150

The Praise Luke 2:8-20 Rev. Dan Kershner

Anthem *O Magnum Mysterium* (Morten Lauridsen) Federated Choir
Marcia Snavelly, organ

Christmas Eve Offering for Re:Source Cleveland

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

* **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. Kershner



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

**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** *What Child Is This* No. 162
- Christmas Eve Sermon** Rev. Wooster
- The Service of Candle-lighting** Rev. Wooster and Rev. Kershner
Spreading the light of Christ into our homes and world
- Carol** *Silent Night, Holy Night* No. 145
- Benediction** Rev. Wooster
- Postlude of Christmas Music** (arr. Marcia Snavelly) Marcia Snavelly, organ

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 29th, 10 AM
Revs. Judy & Brian Bagley-Bonner
A Service of Songs and Stories