

## Our Church Statement

We seek to know God. We are grounded in unconditional love. We affirm all persons.

We learn from one another as we follow the teachings of Jesus Christ, an outsider who tore down dividing walls and calls us to unity. We are progressive, relevant, and committed to seeking peace and building hope through worship, service, social justice, and education.

No matter where you are on your faith journey, or how you worship, we welcome you to help us build our community. This includes all races and ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, ages and stages of life, abilities and disabilities, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

**Our Journey Together is** Know God. Love Unconditionally. Affirm All.

## Want to learn more about FUMC Ann Arbor?

Join the Church Walk and Talk! It happens once a month on the first Sunday. Gather outside the church office through the left door at the front of the sanctuary. Two knowledgeable lay people will lead a 15-minute walk around the church. Learn more about the church and get your questions answered. Visitors are especially welcome.

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Large-print bulletins & audio devices available from the ushers

*A family lounge is available in the narthex and offers a quiet space.*

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## First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor

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### Downtown Location

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# Christmas Eve 2024

Downtown  
10:00 pm service



# Candlelight Christmas

December 24, 2024  
10:00 p.m.

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**Prelude** Adoratio et Vox Angelica - Theodore Dubois.....Dr. Paul Haebig, organ

**Christmas Greeting** .....Rev. Jenaba Waggy

**Call to Worship** (responsive).....Rev. Nancy Lynn

Liturgy by Rev. Sarah Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

*There is room for you here. If you're weary and worn, or hopeful and patient.*

**If you're tired and lost, or wrapped up in hope.**

*If you're new to this place, or have been here before.*

**Come in, come in. There is room for you here.**

*The angels are singing,*

**"Be not afraid."**

*The angels are singing,*

**"Good news and great joy!"**

*So come in, come in!*

**There is room for us here.**

**\*Opening Carol** Once in Royal David's City (UMH #250)

*Verse one, soloist; verse two, choir; Congregation joins beginning with verse 3*

## ◆ THE CHRISTMAS STORY ◆

**The Announcement** Luke 1:26-35.....Debbie Houghton

**Lighting the Candle of Hope**

**Carol** Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (UMH #240)

**The Birth** Luke 2:1-7.....Mark Giesler

**Lighting the Candle of Peace**

**Carol** O Little Town of Bethlehem (UMH #230)

**The Angels' Good News** Luke 2:8-14.....Stephanie Casey

**Lighting the Candle of Joy**

**Anthem** Before the Marvel of This Night - Carl Schalk .....Chancel Choir

*Please make your donation online (instructions on the back page), or  
place your gifts in the basket as you exit the sanctuary.*

**The Shepherds' Visit** Luke 2:15-20 .....Jody Gore

**Lighting the Candle of Love**

**\*Carol** O Come, All Ye Faithful (UMH #234)

*\*Please rise in spirit or in body*

**A Christmas Message**.....Rev. Jenaba Waggy

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

## ◆ TAKING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD ◆

*One of the ancient traditions of the church is the passing of the flame of Christmas, the symbol of Christ, the Light of the World. During the song we will share the light from the Christ Candle. As the flame is passed, please keep the lit candle upright and light the new candle from its flame.*

**Musical Offering** O Holy Night - Adolphe Adam.....Connor Casey, baritone

**\*Carol** Silent Night, Holy Night (UMH #239)

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, Son of God, love's pure light;  
Radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

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!

**\*Christmas Prayer** .....Rev. Nancy Lynn

**\*Carol** Joy to the World (UMH #246)

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.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

**Postlude** Votre bonte grand Dieu - Claude Balbastre.....Dr. Paul Haebig, organ

*Please return the candles to the baskets as you leave.*