

Serving In Worship Today
Ushers/Greeters: Ed & Nancy Renninger
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To Our Guests

It is a joy to have you share in our worship service this evening. We invite you to join us at our weekly worship services each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. We are committed to offering opportunities for fellowship and learning to persons of all ages. If you are searching for a church home or want to learn more about this community of faith, please contact Pastor B. Sung or the church office.

For Announcements and News

Refer to our weekly E-news, Church Website and/or Facebook page. You can subscribe to the E-news via the Connection Card or Church Website. If you do not have email access, contact the church office to be placed on our mailing list.

Our Mission:
To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the
Transformation of the World
Our Vision:
Making Space for God and Others
Our Values:
Worship ✝ Faith ✝ Family ✝ Hospitality

Rev. B. Sung, Pastor
Rev. Sharma Lewis – Bishop
Rev. Charles F. Ledlum-Bates –
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**Crooks Memorial
United Methodist Church**
December 24, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.
Christmas Eve Service



Welcome to Worship

Cell phone and electronic devices: Please set to silence.

Connection Card: Helps us know you are here and helps you engage. Please complete and place it in the offering plate.

Hard of hearing or sight: Large print hymnals and listening devices are available from an usher.

We love children in worship! Worship Bags and books are located in the narthex. However, if needed, our staffed nursery is available for those five and under. Ask an usher for directions.

We record worship: As a ministry to those unable to be present, our worship service is livestreamed, recorded, and posted to our website and social media sites.

Bold print indicates a congregational/unison reading.

Welcome

Prelude arr. Dennis Alexander
“Angels From the Realms of Glory/Angels We Have Heard on High”

Lighting of the Christ Candle Ed & Nancy Renninger

***Hymn** “O Come All Ye Faithful” UMH 234
v. 1, 2, 3

Call to Worship

Sing, choirs of angels.

Sing in exaltation.

Let the shepherds in the fields rejoice.

Let the stars in the sky

worship the newborn King.

For heaven has come down to earth.

Salvation has come to our homes this day.

Sing, choirs of angels.

Sing in exaltation. Amen.

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer Rev. B. Sung

Anthem The Chancel Choir

Scripture Isaiah 9:2-7 Beth Pile
(Pew Bible O.T. 600)
Titus 2:11-14 Beth Pile
(Pew Bible N.T. 202-203)
The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

***Hymn** “O Little Town of Bethlehem” UMC 230
v. 1, 2, 4

***Hymn** “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” UMC 218
v. 1, 3, 4

Scripture Luke 2:1-20 Rev. B. Sung
(Pew Bible N.T. 54-55)

Message “The Birth of the Savior and Lord” Rev. B. Sung

***Hymn** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” UMH 240

Communion All are invited to the table UMH 12-15

The Great Thanksgiving UMH 13

Music During Communion “What Child is This” arr. William C. Dix

Service of Light

***Hymn** “Silent Night” UMH 239
v. 1, 2, 4

Offertory Prayer

God of surprise and wonder, when we looked for You in power and might, You came in weakness and vulnerability. As we worship You anew this night, open our hearts to those You came to save—especially the least and the lost. May the gifts we offer into Your service continue the work You began in a manger so many years ago. **Amen.**

Offertory “O Holy Night”

***Doxology** UMH 95

***Benediction**

***Benediction Hymn Response** “Go Tell It on the Mountain” UMH 251
v. 1, 3

Postlude “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” arr. Dennis Alexander

We Are Blessed You Are Here!

The Christmas Offering: This special offering will be divided to provide annual support to our mission partners and our local church benevolence fund. Both provide assistance to those under-resourced or in need while striving to create a path for personal financial sustainability.

Holy Communion: All are welcome to the Table! You have a choice of how to receive communion this evening. One is via the pre-packaged communion elements, which you can receive from an usher prior to the service. The other is by coming forward and receiving the elements directly from the pastor, who will have clean hands. He will take bread, dip it in the cup, and then hand it to you to consume. Please choose how to receive communion that you are most comfortable.