

Fairport United Methodist Church

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CHRISTMAS EVE, 8:00PM DECEMBER 24, 2023

—GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE —

WELCOME

PRELUDE *He Is Born! Rejoice!* arr. Edwards
Bell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

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.

*HYMN *O Come, All Ye Faithful* UMH 234 (vs. 1-3)
Nick Grau, trumpet

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Camilleri Family

—LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD—

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

THE PROPHECY Isaiah 9:1-2,6-7

ANTHEM *A Palace in Bethlehem* Martin
Chancel Choir—Amy Baumbach, soloist

THE BIRTH OF JESUS Luke 2:1-7

ANTHEM *Child of Promise* Martin
Chancel Choir

THE ANGELS Luke 2: 8-14

*HYMN *Angels We Have Heard on High* UMH 238

THE SHEPHERDS

Luke 2: 15-20

*HYMN

What Child Is This

UMH 219, vs. 1-2

—RESPONDING IN LOVE—

OFFERTORY *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. Nelson & Schmidt
Rebecca Camilleri, cello

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Loving Christ,
Scripture tells us that you were born in a stable
because there was no room in the inn.
There was no room in the inn for a woman in need,
no room in the inn for an innocent baby.
Forgive us.
Teach us how to make room for one another.
Teach us how to make room for you.
Carve out space in our hearts to love as you love.
Guide us forward.
With hope and honesty we pray, amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister: Give us such joy and peace in your company that our hearts join
the angels in the Christmas sky and around your eternal throne
singing their hymn of unending praise:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and
earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is
the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Minister: Great is the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Minister: Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy
church, all honor and glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

SOLO

O Holy Night
Nicole Camilleri, soprano

Adam

—MOVING IN GOD'S WAY—

INVITATION TO CANDLE LIGHTING

John 1:1-5, 14

SHARING THE CHRIST LIGHT

*The candle lighters will light their candles from the pastor's candle.
Then they will light the candle of the first worshipper in each pew
who will pass the light down the pew. When the light comes to you,
please tip your unlit candle toward the lighted candle.*

*HYMN

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

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!

*Please extinguish your candle gently,
and hold the candle still until the wax hardens.*

*PRAYER

*HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

UMH 240

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune

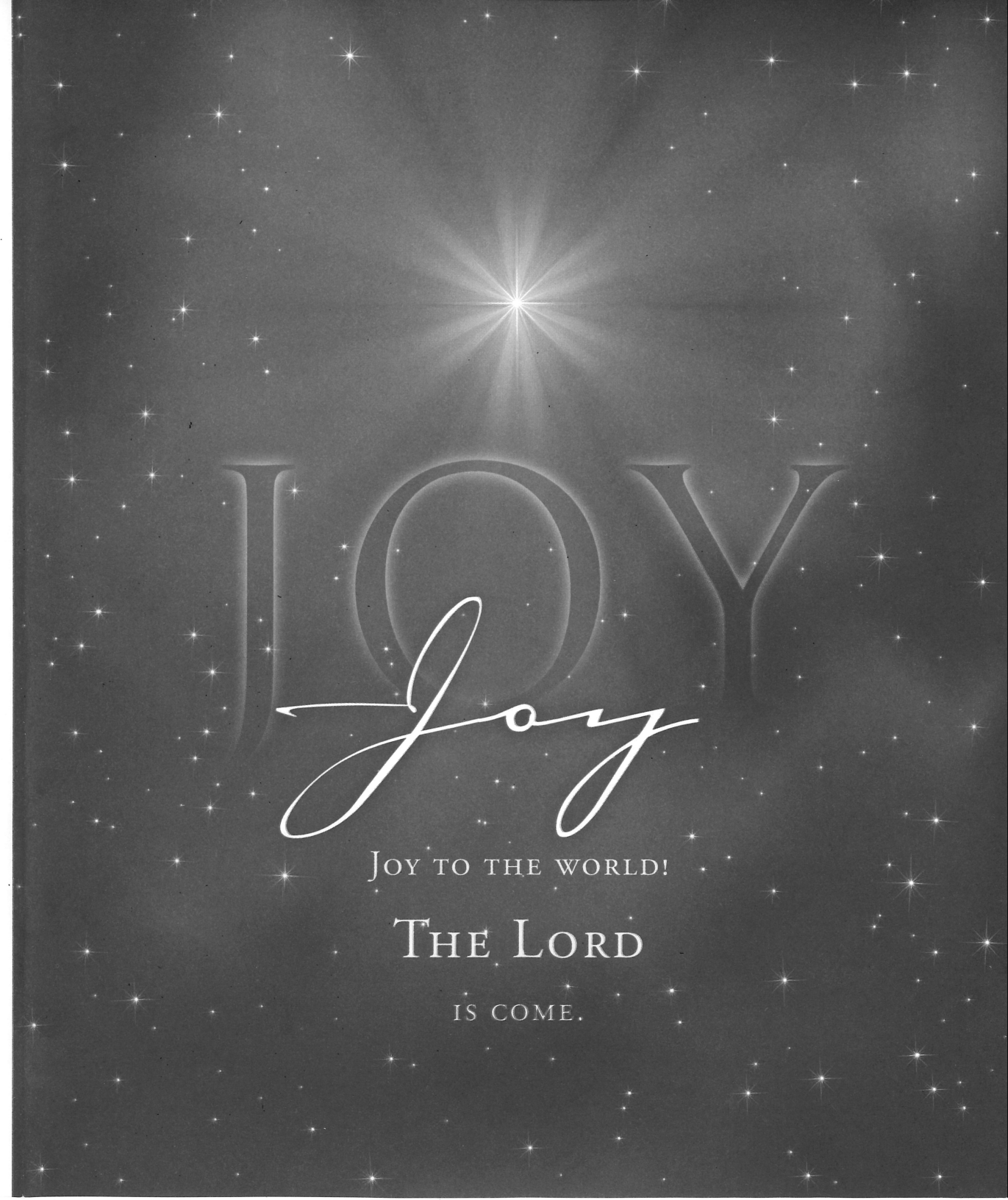
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You are invited to be seated for the postlude.

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Merry Christmas!

Thank you for worshipping with us this Christmas Eve at the Fairport United Methodist Church! It is a blessing to have you here to celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Here at Fairport UMC, ALL are welcome as beloved children of God. We extend a special thank you to all who are helping in our services today!

You are invited to enter into the Christmas story as if you were really present for the birth of Christ. Let the amazing news of the birth of our Savior fill your hearts with hope, love and grace. This story is God's story and this is YOUR story. Let it overwhelm you with joy!

If you are in a position to make a special Christmas Gift today, please use the envelopes in the pew racks (cash/check). Or you can text an amount to (585) 575-1201. Thank you in advance for your generosity! Your offering makes a difference.

Again, we are glad you have chosen to be with us, and we invite you to participate in future opportunities for worship, fellowship, and outreach. You can find our weekly E-News on our website.

Sunday, Dec. 31st we will have 1 combined service at 9:30am

Regular Sunday Schedule

9:00am - Worship & Sunday School for all ages

10:30am - Worship (*this service is also livestreamed*)

Please visit our website www.fairportumc.org for more information.

Staff

Pastor: Rev. Richelle Goff Music Ministry Director: Nicole Camilleri

Family Ministry: Joy Leinenbach

Administrative Assistant: Kevin Gordon

Custodian: Jamie Gualtieri

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All Church Winter Carnival - February 4th!

Everyone is invited to enjoy ALL of the fun that comes with our annual Winter Carnival. This year's theme is "**READY, SET, MOVE!!!**"

Follow Jesus here, there and everywhere!" We will be bringing back the very popular Chili Cook-Off, games, crafts, face painting, a scavenger hunt and MORE!

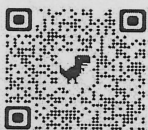
More details will be coming in January so stay tuned to the Family Ministry Weekly Update emailed each Thursday.

Sunday School and Youth Group

Your children and youth are invited to join us for Sunday school and youth group when it ***starts back up on January 7.***

Sunday school happens during the 9:00am Worship hour for children 3yrs old – 12th grade.

Junior High and Senior High Youth groups take place on scheduled Sundays from 4-6.



Use the QR code to see our recent editions of our Family Ministry Weekly Update and get more details about our Children's and Youth Ministry programs.

Musical Opportunities for All Ages at Fairport UMC!

New singers and ringers are always welcome!

Joyful Noise Choir is for 4 year olds through 5th graders and rehearses on Tuesday evenings. We have lots of fun singing together, playing music games, and doing crafts!

Morning Glory Choir is a teen choir that sings occasionally when school schedules aren't too busy. We love harmonizing together!

Early Choir sings twice a month at the 9am service after rehearsing at 8am on those Sundays.

Chancel Choir sings every week at the 10:30am service and practices on Wednesday evenings.

Bell Choir plays in worship once a month and rehearses on Thursday evenings.

Contact our Music Ministry Director, Nicole Camilleri (nicole@fairportumc.org), if you would like to get involved!