



**Maple Street Congregational Church, UCC**  
**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
**December 24, 2021 · 11:00 p.m.**

**PRELUDE**

*Low, How a Rose/a Rose*

Craig Hella Johnson  
Ji Hye Jung, handbells and piano  
Kathy Gross, flute

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

Rev. Douglas Vooyo

Refrain:

Love comes to us at Christmas  
Love comes to heal our souls  
Love brings an invitation  
That our hearts might be made whole.  
As we gather at the stable  
In the darkness, glad and grateful  
For the sacred in our midst,  
For wonder and delight,  
Christ is born in us this night.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. (Luke 2: 10-11)

**All: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors! (Luke 2: 14)**

**ANTHEM**

O Come All Ye Faithful

Red No. 132

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

Rev. Douglas Vooyo

**UNISON PRAYER**

**Almighty God, You have made this night holy by the gift of Jesus Christ Your son. Let His light shine within our hearts tonight even more brightly than it shines from the candles in this place. Lead us now, by the light of Your love, to follow You to new life through Him. Help us to hear Your word and to celebrate Your everlasting love made known unto us. In celebration of the birthday of Emmanuel, our Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**SUNG RESPONSE**

*When God Is a Child*

Brian Wren & Joan Collier Fogg

**Hope is a star that shines in the night,  
Leading us on till the morning is bright.**

*refrain:* **When God is a child there's joy in our song.  
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,  
and none shall be afraid.**

**Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,  
giving a promise of safety and worth. (refrain)**

Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,  
Telling the world that the Savior is born. *(refrain)*

Love is a flame that burns in our heart.  
Jesus has come and will never depart. *(refrain)*

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 2:1-7 Jeff Sauer  
Pew Bible pg. 889

**ANTHEM** *Hush, My Babe, Lie Still and Slumber* Jodi Lindh  
Joyful Noise Alumni Choir  
Judy Bonnell, piano

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 2:8-14 John Stone  
pew Bible pg. 889

**\*HYMN** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* Red No. 128

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 2:15-20 Jillian Knight  
pew Bible pg. 889

**\*HYMN** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* Red No. 120

**CHRISTMAS PRAYER** Rev. Douglas Vooyo

**OFFERTORY** *Being the Light*

**RECEIVING THE LIGHT** *Silent Night, Holy Night*  
*(Pastor Douglas and Deacon Lew Hathaway will distribute the flame)*

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.

**BENEDICTION** Rev. Douglas Vooyo

**POSTLUDE** *What Sweeter Music* John Rutter

*Please remain seated until the conclusion of the Postlude.*



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**Welcome!** If you are here for the first time, please fill out a connection card and place it in the offering plate. Nursery care, with a trained staff, is offered during the worship service. Sunday School for children and youth takes place following the beginning of the second hymn except on “First Sundays.”

***We share God’s love, hope, and healing and serve our neighbors.  
No matter who you are or where you are on your faith journey,  
you are welcome here!***

Everyone is welcome at Maple Street Church, people of all races, economic means, sexual orientations, long-time church people, and folks who have never been to church. We affirm that everyone is a child of God and is welcomed to participate in the whole life of the church. Join us in building a beloved community and finding greater meaning through faith and action.

***May you have a blessed and Merry Christmas  
and a happy & healthy New Year!  
—the Clergy, Staff, & Church Leaders***



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**Zoom Prayer & Table Worship** — Tuesdays at 6pm

**Zoom Bible Study** — Thursdays at 12noon

**Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 10 am – 1 pm**