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Please separate the candle and holder when leaving the sanctuary and place them in their respective bins.

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**Special note:**

All children are welcome in our service, the nursery is available however it will not be staffed this evening. Please see an usher for assistance.

We would like to welcome you to join us when we gather every Sunday morning.

**Food and Conversation:** 8:30-9:00 am  
**Sunday School:** 9:00-10:00 am  
**Worship Service:** 10:15 am



Prelude	Shari Cooper & Luella Gehman
As We Gather	Pastor Tracy Commons
Scripture from Hebrews 1 & John 1	Lydia & Ashley
Worship in Song	Dan & Shari Cooper
<i>Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (B178)</i>	
<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful (P241)</i>	
Scripture from Psalm 31 & Luke 1	Caleb, Franklin, Will
Christmas Medley	Ginger Gehman
Scripture from Jeremiah 31 & Luke 2	Brent & Jay
Worship in Song	
<i>It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (P248)</i>	
<i>Angels We Have Heard on High (P249)</i>	
<i>The First Noel (P250)</i>	
Scripture from 1 Timothy 2 & Matthew 2	Carol & Jayne
Special Music	Luella Gehman
Worship in Song	
<i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (P261)</i>	
Meditation: Galatians 4:3-5	Pastor Nathan
Candle Lighting	
<i>Solo: O Holy Night</i>	
<i>Silent Night! Holy Night! (P244)</i>	
<i>Joy to the World (P240)</i>	

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