

Merry Christmas!

Feliz Navidad!

Joyeux Noël (French)

Buon Natale! (Italian)

Feliz Natal! (Portuguese)

Frohes Weihnachten! (German)

Redland Community United Methodist Church

## Christmas Eve Service



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Opening Hymn: “Angels We Have Heard on High” #238 (UMH)  
(1,2,3)

Greetings

Opening Prayer

Glorious God, who presents us with the most precious of gifts, we praise you for all your blessings in our lives. Tonight, we have come to this place, in the midst of a busy time. We might not even have everything ready at home, yet we have come, because we ourselves need to be ready. Work in our hearts this night, preparing us for your presence. Work in our lives that we may reach out to others in comfort and compassion; work in our world that the darkness that has encompassed it may be dispelled by the brightness of your love and your Gift. In faith and expectation, we pray. AMEN.

The Lighting of the Advent Candles

CHRIST CANDLE

\*HYMN “O Come All Ye Faithful” #234 (UMH)  
(1,3,4)

Call to Worship

L: The people who once lived in darkness have been given a great light!

P: Praise be to God who has heard our cries.

L: Our souls sing out God’s praise!

P: God has brought us a light of Hope and Peace.

L: Tonight, in this place, the Light of God’s Love is given to us!

P: And we shall see that light and let it shine through our lives. AMEN.

HYMN “O Little Town of Bethlehem” #230 (UMC)

Reading of the Old Testament: Isaiah 9:2-7

Reading of the Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

\*HYMN “What Child is this” # 219UMH

Christmas Message  
“He became one of us.”

\*HYMN “Joy to The World!” #246 (UMH)  
(1,2,4)

Christmas Offering

Christ Candlelight Recessional

The flame of the candle in our center symbolizes Jesus and the light He brought into this world. As we light our own candle, we do it in memory of those men and women who passed the light to us.

As we pass the flame of Jesus from one to another, let this tiny light also represent our own responsibility to share the Gospel. My little flame in the darkness is not but a simple shining dot; our little flames all-together can make the darkness of this world go away.

\*HYMN “Silent Night, Holy Night” #239 (UMH)

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING!**

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the wise men, and the peace of the Christ child.

The Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. Merry Christmas.