

THE REEL CHRISTMAS STORY



December 24, 2021 **Candlelight Christmas Eve** 7:00 P.M.

A United Methodist Community in Moorestown, New Jersey

"A community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ with a hurting world through words and actions."

PRELUDE **Sounds of the Season**
Adult Handbells, KRR

WELCOME Pastor Gina

***CAROL #234** **O Come, All Ye Faithful** (vv 1,3,6)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Pastor Jess

Leader: To us, watchful and waiting, a gift has been slipped into our midst.

People: A tiny child, born in a manger,

Leader: A gift of peace to troubled souls and dangerous streets,

People: A gift of joy to sad hearts and cautious lives,

Leader: A gift of hope to wearied brows and oppressed peoples,

People: A tiny child, gift of God.

Leader: Open your hearts; raise your songs.

People: Give thanks to the giver; welcome the gift.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE The Campbell Family
Congregational Response #206 **I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light** (v1)

OPENING PRAYER Pastor Jess
Holy Child of Bethlehem, come to us. We open-wide the doors of our hearts. Come, let Your life shine in us to ease our fears and calm our worry. Come, fill us with a joy that knows no boundaries. Come, fill us with light that brightens every corner of darkness. Holy Child of Bethlehem, come to us again. Lift us from the routine into the splendor of Your holy night. Carry us away from the extravagant into the simple wonder of Your humble birth. Holy Child of Bethlehem, come to us; be born in us. Even now. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC **Hear the Sounds of Christmas**
Adult Choir & KRR

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 9:2,6-7 Pastor Gina

CAROL #230 **O Little Town of Bethlehem** (vv 1&2)

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-7 Pastor Jess

CAROL #219 **What Child is This**

CELEBRATING OUR GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY Pastor Jess
We welcome all who worship with us this morning. We ask you to prayerfully consider giving generously to support the ministries of FUMC and the communities we serve for Christ. You can place your offering and the Attendance Card including any special prayer requests you may have in the offering basket located in worship space or send them to church@meetwithGod.com.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER Pastor Jess

MINISTRY OF MUSIC **A Charlie Brown Christmas** arr. Zegree
Adult Choir & KRR

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:8-14 Pastor Gina

MEDITATION

Pastor Gina

A Charlie Brown Christmas: Finding the True Meaning of Christmas

***CAROL #240**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Pastors Gina and Jess

L: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world!"

ALL: We will let the Light of Christ shine in us!

Battery operated candles are available for small children or any who request one.

Please light your candle from another lit candle, do not tip a lit candle.

***CAROL # 239**

Silent Night *sung while lighting*

***CAROL #246**

Joy to the World *(vv 1, 2 & 4)*

***CHRISTMAS BLESSING**

Pastor Gina

***POSTLUDE**

***Please Stand as Able**

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COME AND WORSHIP WITH US!

On December 26th 10:00am combined Worship Service; All other Sundays:

9:00 A.M. Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

11:00 A.M. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Both services are live streamed on Facebook and YouTube

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