

OLD UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 2021

7:30 PM

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #141

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7

FIRST NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 2:1-7

SECOND NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 2:8-20

CHOIR ANTHEM "Follow"

SERMON "The Angel in the Choir"

*HYMN "Angels We Have Heard on High" #132

EVENING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER ((back cover of hymnal)

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY #626

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN "A Communion Hymn for Christmas" #140

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (to "Hark the Herald Angels Sing")

1. May the good Lord be with you.

May the Lord be with you too.

Lift your hearts to God in praise.

To the Lord our hearts we raise.

Let us offer praises true.

It is proper so to do:

In the Word made flesh we see

God's abundant majesty.

So, with all God's hosts we sing

Praises to our heavenly King:

2. Holy, holy, holy Lord!

God of hosts, by all adored!

Heaven and earth cannot contain

All the glory of Your name!

Hail hosanna, God most high!

Blest is He who now draws nigh

In the name of God the King!

Hallelujahs glad we sing:

Hail Hosanna! Praises due

Be forever, Lord, to You!

*DISTRIBUTION OF THE FLAME

*PRAYER

*HYMN "Silent Night" #147

*BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

POSTLUDE

(*) indicates those who are able should stand.

*Please take you poinsettia after the service.



If you are not vaccinated and have not had COVID, please wear a mask when indoors.



This evening's offering will support the ministry of the deacons. Your generous gifts at Christmas Eve and throughout the year enable the deacons to serve people in need in our community and church by...

- donating money & food to the Evans City Food Cupboard,
- assisting families in need,
- serving funeral luncheons,
- providing flowers and memorial gifts for bereaved families,
- visiting the homebound and giving them gift bags for Valentine's Day and Christmas,
- leading our support of local ministries and agencies,
- sending care packages to college students, and
- organizing Christmas caroling to the elderly and shut-ins.



In order to avoid spilling hot wax when passing the flame for the candle-lighting, please keep the lighted candle upright, and dip the unlit candle to receive the flame.