

OLD UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 2024

7:30 PM

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Christ candle's light that shines out for us here
Tells out the good news that our God has come near!
Christ came, a poor baby, in one time and place,
To show all creation the wealth of God's grace.

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN "Joy to the World!" #125

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 "Messiah"

SERMON "Let Them in!"

*HYMN "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" #128

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

*DISTRIBUTION OF THE FLAME

*PRAYER

*HYMN "Silent Night" #147

*BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

POSTLUDE

(*) indicates those who are able should stand.



This evening's offering will support the ministry of the deacons. Your generous gifts tonight and throughout the year enable the deacons to serve people 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,
- leading our support of local ministries and agencies,
- sending care packages to college students, and
- organizing Christmas caroling to the elderly and shut-ins.



Participants in this evening's service:

Advent Candles: Sally P. and Carl W.

Scripture Readers: Gloria U., Becky M.,

Gloria W.



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.

Poinsettias are provided by the following persons in memory of:

Ruth J.	Loved ones
Nancy K. & family	Ray K.
Dave D./Gloria U.	Loved ones
Velma N.	Ray N.
Mary Rae T.	Loved ones
Pat W. & family	Boots W.
Don C.	Loved ones
Craig & Becky M.	Jim & Lorraine R.
	Francis & Norma M.
Vanessa K.	Mick P., Sr & Loved ones
Carl P.	Fred & Hazel P. family
	Carol T.
Ken G. & family	Loved ones
Ron & Sarah W.	Duck & Dolores N.
	Heinie & Mary Jane R.
	Mick P., Sr
	In honor of Jean P.