Elkton United Methodist Church Tuesday, December 24, 2019 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

7:00 p.m. † 9:00 p.m.

- ➤ Before the service begins, please give your white prayer request card to an usher.
- ➤ Please see an usher if you would like to have a large print bulletin or hymnal.
- ➤ All worshipers are asked to sign the attendance register. If you are a guest, please fill out all the information. As the register is passed back down the pew, make note of those sitting near you so you can greet them after the service.

| Prelude"O H | OLY NIGHT" ¹ EDITED BY D. BISH |
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| RINGING OF THE CHIMES | |
| CHORAL INTROIT"IN J | OYOUS PRAISE!"1LLOYD LARSON |
| LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTU | JRES, ISAIAH 9:2-7 |
| LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE | |
| **HYMN #234 (UMH) | " "O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL" (stanzas 1, 3, 4, & 6) |
| Leader: Rejoice, good friends, repople: Christ our Savior is E | e Holy Birth! e born in your hearts and spirits! eceive this blessed gift, Loving God. the Good News is here! Born! Hallelujah! Amen! |
| MUSICAL OFFERING"AVA | A Maria" ¹ Madelyn Funke, Soloist |
| lovingly on the Child born to l we hear the story anew. Help | pe, we come this evening to the manger, gazing bring hope to the world. Open our hearts tonight as us to be guided by the light of Jesus Christ, that we ur love and bring that love, with joy, to all we meet. in. |
| MUSICAL OFFERING "CA | ROL OF THE BELLS" ¹ HANDBELL CHOIR |
| GOSPEL LESSON, JOHN 1:1-14 (page Leader: This is the Gospel of or People: Thanks be to God. | |
| MUSICAL OFFERING" "AME | N! GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN" CHANCEL CHOIR |

**GOSPEL LESSON, LUKE 2:1-20 (page 58)

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSE #204 (UMH) "EMMANUEL"

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel,

God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

**HYMN #249 (UMH)"THERE'S A SONG IN THE AIR"

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray; bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

CALL TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE, #94 (UMH)" "PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

The ushers will bring the light from the Christ candle to those in the congregation. When the light comes to you, let the person with the unlighted candle reach over to receive the light. Please do not tip the lighted candles! When all have received the light, the congregation will sing:

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round you virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!

Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Please extinguish your candle, and continue to hold it upright until the wax congeals.

**HYMN #240 (UMH)....."HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING"

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

POSTLUDEARR. BY BISH

**Indicates the congregation should stand if able

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal (red cover)

TFWS: The Faith We Sing (black cover) - found in the rack underneath the pew in front of you

W&S: Worship & Song (green cover)

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Leader: Dick Gochnauer

Readers: 7:00 – Jane Kovicak 9:00 – Andee McKenica

Greeters: 7:00 - Betty & Bill McCarthy 9:00 - Wendy Eller & Connie Wilkinson

Tech Team: 7:00 - Rob Kovicak 9:00 - Roger Robinson **Musicians:** Trumpet, Mark Macturk & Baritone Horn, Bobby Heath

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