

**Prelude** Phil Haga, soloist Betty Curtis, accompanist  
*Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord..... Night of Miracles*  
by J.W. Peterson

**Words of Greeting**

**Advent Candle Lighting**

**Opening Prayer** UM Discipleship Resources

**Emmanuel, God-with-us,  
your light lifts up our hearts, our spirits, and our voices.  
We give you thanks for your birth long ago  
and presence with us always.  
Your hope is more trustworthy than our promises.  
Your peace is deeper than our prayers.  
Your joy teaches us to sing even when we want to cry.  
Your love is wider than the chorus of the galaxies,  
and yet your Star shines on us now in this church  
which has become a manger. Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise** Phil Haga  
*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* **UMH 240**

*At this time, we invite you to bring forward your weekly offering  
to the plate and your missions giving to the basket.*

**Doxology** **UMH 95**

**First Scripture Reading** [Luke 1:26-38](#)

**Special Music** vocal trio by Casey Irwin, Blake Irwin and Phil Haga  
*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* Betty Curtis accompanist

**Prayer Concerns** Rev. Casey Irwin  
*Prayer request cards can be brought to the altar rail or left at the exit.*  
*The Lord's Prayer* **UMH 895**

**Responsive Song** *Prepare the Way of the Lord*

**Second Scripture Reading** [Luke 2:1-20](#)

**Anthem** Phil Haga, soloist Betty Curtis, accompanist  
*And There Were in the Same Country..... Night of Miracle*  
by J.W. Peterson

**Sermon**  
*Welcome Home* Rev. Casey Irwin

**Hymn of Benediction**  
*Silent Night* **UMH 239**

**Benediction**



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**Announcements**

Choir rehearsal will resume after worship on Sunday, January 7th.

Tuesday morning Bible Study will resume in January, date TBA. Wednesday night Bible Study will resume at Virginia Avenue on January 3rd.

John Wesley UMC is hosting an MLK Prayer Breakfast with Lee Andrews at the Delta Marriott in Bristol, VA on Saturday, January 27th from 10 am - 1 pm. Tickets are on sale at their church until January 7th- \$35 for adults, \$10 for students.

Still looking for last minute gifts? Give the gift of education to one of our Haitian students in honor of your loved one. Cards to gift are available as you exit.

