



**Sunday, December 24, 2020**

**Christmas Eve**



**Waterloo First United Methodist Church**

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**Welcome**

**Prelude**

*Carols of Joy and Gladness*

Lani Smith

**The Bidding Prayer**

**Ollie Thurman**

Beloved in Christ,

this Christmas Eve it is our duty and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, and to go in heart and mind to Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger. Therefore let us hear again from Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our sin until the glorious redemption brought us by this holy Child; and let us make this house of prayer glad with our carols of praise.

But first, because this of all things would rejoice Jesus' heart, let us pray to him for the needs of the whole world, and all his people; for peace upon the earth he came to save; for love and unity within the one Church he did build; for goodwill among all peoples. And particularly at this time let us remember the poor, the cold, the hungry, the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love. Lastly let us remember all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words that Christ himself has taught us.

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Blessing**

**Rev. Chuck Layton**

The Almighty God bless us with divine grace, Christ give us the joys of everlasting life, and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. Amen

**The First Lesson**

**Genesis 22: 15-18**

**Kent Opheim**

**Carol**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**No. 211**

**Second Lesson**

**Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7**

**Diane Golden**

**Carol**

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

**No. 196**

**Third Lesson**

**Micah 5: 2-5a**

**Ollie Thurman**

**Carol**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

**No. 230**

<b>Fourth Lesson</b>	<b>Luke 1: 26-35, 38</b>	<b>Kent Opheim</b>
<b>Responsive Reading</b>	<b>Canticle of Mary</b>	<b>No. 199</b>
<b>Song</b>	<i>I Wonder as I Wander</i>	<b>Rev. Chuck Layton</b>
<b>Fifth Lesson</b>	<b>Luke 2: 1-7</b>	<b>Diane Golden</b>
<b>Carol</b>	<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i>	<b>No. 229</b>
<b>Message</b>	<i>Peace</i>	<b>Rev. Chuck Layton</b>
<b>Sixth Lesson</b>	<b>Luke 2: 8-16</b>	<b>Kent Opheim</b>
<b>Carol</b>	<i>The First Noel</i>	<b>Verses 1 &amp; 2</b> <b>No. 245</b>
<b>Seventh Lesson</b>	<b>Matthew 2: 1-11</b>	<b>Rev. Chuck Layton</b>
<b>Carol</b>	<i>We Three Kings</i>	<b>No. 254</b>
<b>Offering</b>		
Offertory	<i>O Holy Night</i>	<b>Emily Forssberg</b>
<b>Eighty Lesson</b>	<b>John 1: 1-14</b>	<b>Ollie Thurman</b>
<b>Dismissal with Blessing</b>		

**Postlude**

**Worship Leaders:**

Rev. Chuck Layton, Pastor | Lori Nelson, Organist | Emily Forssberg, Vocals |

Sally Thurman & Jarred Crouch, Video and Audio production

