



**Burns Memorial**  
**United Methodist Church**  
**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Pastor: Rev. Peter Freytag

The livestream and video at:  
<https://youtu.be/x7OhtKr6LvQ>

Prelude: **O, Holy Night** *Barbara Shaw*

Welcoming the Holy Spirit

\* Hymn **Oh Come All Ye Faithful** *Hymnal #234*

\* **Call To Worship**

One: Oh come, oh come, all ye faithful!

**All: We come Lord, we come to gather in celebration of this wondrous event!**

One: Oh come, oh come, let us adore Him.

**All: He is just a baby! We were expecting a king!**

One: Oh come, let us adore a baby born in a stable, poor and helpless.

**All: God's son, born among humanity, born to be our Lord, savior of the world.**

Scripture **Isaiah 7:10-14** *Pew Bible O.T. #598*

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks Be to God.**

Advent Wreath Christ Candle: *Luke 2:6-7*

One: "While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger".

Tonight, angels far and near sing tender lullabies; well-worn fabric full of years holds in the warmth of parental love; animals and shepherds crowd in tight, glowing with adoration, while a muffled cry squeezes out to greet the world.

**All: Tonight, we give thanks for every child among us. Each new birth, regardless of circumstances, is precious, a gift of God. Every person has sacred worth.**

One: On this Christmas Eve, we light the Christ candle celebrating the birthday of Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us.

Anthem **Hiva Pe 'I Langi, 'A e Kau 'Angelo** *Tongan Choir*

Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer (unison) *Hymnal #881*

Offertory **What Child is this?** *Mark Dockter*

\* Doxology **Praise God from ....** *Hymnal #95*

Anthem **Still, Still, Still** *Ensemble*  
*(With Silent Night, Holy Night) Arranged By: Cindy Berry*

\* Scripture **Luke 2:1-20** *Pew Bible N.T. #54-55*  
One: The Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks Be to God.**

\* Hymn **Angels We Have Heard on High** *Hymnal #238*

Sermon **The Best Story** *Pastor Peter*

Holy Communion *Hymnal #13*

\* Hymn **Silent Night (with Candles)** *Hymnal #239*

**Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin, mother and child,  
Holy Infant so tender and mild;  
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;  
Radiant beams from thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus Lord at Thy birth, Jesus Lord at Thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing, alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!**

**(ACAPPELLA)**

**Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin, mother and child,  
Holy Infant so tender and mild;  
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.**

\* Benediction

*\* (Please stand if you are able.)*

## Welcome to this family of Christ!

We believe that God loves ALL PEOPLE,  
and as disciples of Jesus Christ,  
we strive to share God's love  
through our words and actions.

### Holy Communion

In the United Methodist Church is available to all people of all ages. We extend Christ's invitation to everyone. If walking or standing are a challenge, we will bring the elements to you in your pew.

### Christmas Eve Offering

Due to covid, we do not pass the plates. There is a plate in the back of the church. Thank you for your generous gifts.

### Refreshments

Please join us in the parlor for light refreshments after the service.

### Merry Christmas

One of the real joys of the Holiday Season is the opportunity to say, "Thank You" and to wish you the very best. Thank you, faithful servants of God, for what you continue to do for our church family and for me. I am grateful for all of you and your love. Best Wishes for Peace & Joy this Christmas & a Happy New Year of Health, Bliss and Prosperity! Paea K.

## **Advent Candle:**

**Mark, Eseta, Legend & Siosiana Leo Carter**

Pastor: Peter Freytag  
Lay Leader: Mark Dockter  
Lay Delegate: Melba Taylor  
Office Manager: Paea Kelemeni  
Christian Ed: Stephanie Iverson  
Usher: Jim Littau  
Usher: Joe Burns

Pastor: Atonio Toluta'u  
Lay Leader: Ngalu Kelemeni  
Lay Delegate: Lusi Toluta'u  
Accompanist: Barbara Shaw  
Communion: Ellen D. Carol D.  
Usher: Jim Pollard  
Sound Engineer: Mike Sumrall

# Christmas Eve 2021



**Adoration of the Child**  
*Gerard van Honthorst*  
*Uffizi Gallery, Florence, Italy*

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