

**McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church**  
**Sanctuary Worship: December 22, 2024**

**Call to Worship**

Noël - Louis-Claude Daquin

**Welcome**

Wendi Neal

**\*Hymn # 250**

"Once in Royal David's City"

**Responsive Scripture Reading/Candle Lighting LOVE (selections from John 1)**

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Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.  
All things came into being through him,  
and without him not one thing came into being.

**All: What has come into being in him was life,  
and the life was the light of all people.  
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it....  
The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**

Leader: And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory,  
the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

**All: From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.  
The law indeed was given through Moses;  
grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.  
No one has ever seen God.  
It is the only Son, himself God,  
who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.**

**Response # 230**

"O Little Town of Bethlehem," vs. 1  
**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;  
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer**

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**Children's Message**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful," vs. 1

Chris Oehrlein

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

*Children's worship for grades K-5 will dismiss following the children's message at the 11:00 service.  
Parents, please pick your children up in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor children's area following the service.*

**\*Hymn # 242**

"Love Came Down at Christmas"

**\*Call for the Offering**

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**Anthem** (8:30) Gesu Bambino - Pietro A. Yon  
(11:00) Infant Holy, Infant Lowly - John Leavitt

Lily Campbell, soloist; Victoria Day, cello  
Chancel Choir

**\*Doxology # 94**

**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!**

**Sermon**

The Hopes and Fears of All the Years: Love Came Down at Christmas  
Philippians 2:3-11

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**Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

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**\*Hymn # 238**

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

**Recognition of New Members**

**We welcome you to McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church and with you we renew our vows  
to uphold the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.**

**\*Sending Forth**

Wendi Neal

**\*Benediction # 238**

"Angels We Have Heard on High," (refrain)

**Gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**Postlude**

Toccata on "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" - Paul Fey

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Dr. Stephen Wurst, Director of Music Ministries and Principal Organist  
Dr. Giovanni Corrodus, Interim Director of Choirs

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