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Christmas Eve, 2023

**Prelude** – Cindy White (5:30 service only)

**Handbells** – Wesley Ringers (5:30 service only)

**Welcome** - Pastor Dave York

**Call to Worship** - Kathy McKinley

Leader: The night was dark.

**People: A baby lay in a manger.**

Leader: The night was still.

**People: Angels sang to shepherds.**

Leader: The night was expectant.

**People: God's glory shone brightly.**

Leader: On this night,

**People: let us rejoice in the gift of love.**

**Opening Hymn** – Good Christians Friends Rejoice UMH 224

**Opening Prayer** – Loving God, this is a holy night. We come longing to hear your story of new life and hope. Speak your words of truth and power. May the gift of love and light be born anew among us. AMEN

**Lighting Advent Candle**

**Choir Anthem** – Love Lies in a Cradle

**First Reading** – Isaiah 9:2-7

**Middle Hymn** – O Little Town of Bethlehem UMH 230

**Second Reading** – Luke 2:1-20

**Sermon** – People Walking in Darkness Have Seen a Great Light

**Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Offering for Samaritan's Buffet community meal**

**Closing Hymn** – Silent Night UMH 239

**Benediction**

**The Leavenworth Brass Ensemble will play from 6:30 to 7:00 pm.**





## First United Methodist Handbell Choir

Directed by Kathy McKinley

Ann Andrews  
Donna Ramsey

Aileen Hasting  
Robin Sanders

Alexis Hoffman  
Nancy Shade

Karen Kidder  
Bill Shade

Michael McKinley  
Christine Varnal



## Leavenworth Brass Ensemble

Directed by John Lefler



Do You Hear What I Hear?

The Huron Carol (*'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime*)

Carol of the Bells (Ukrainian)

A Catalan Christmas Carol (*El Noi de la Mare*)

Angels We Have Heard on High

Silent Night! Holy Night! (*Stille Nacht*)

Adeste Fideles

Noel Regney & Gloria Shayne arr. by Bill Holcombe

Canadian Traditional arr. by Andrew Wainwright

Mykola Leonovych arr. by J.V.

Traditional Spanish Carol arr. by David Marlatt

Old French Carol arr. by Wayne Fritchie

Franz Gruber arr. By Sammy Nestico

Fanfare David Lovrien

### Trumpets

Tyleen Caffrey  
Peyton Hall  
Frank Klimas  
Calista McPherson  
Zach Sweet

### French Horns

John Hansen  
Charles Hooper  
Michelle Mendiola  
Joann Soderlund

### Trombones

Aaron Brown  
Rob Gaslin  
Nathan Mack  
John Pressler

### Euphonium

Anna Brown  
David Holland  
Karina Houseworth

### Tuba

Jerry Dunn  
Kevin Reiger



We take a special offering on Christmas Eve to support Samaritan's Buffet. The 1st and 4th Saturday of every month volunteers from our church and the community prepare around 500 meals for people in Leavenworth. If you would like to contribute, there are special envelopes in the pews, or you can give online with the QR code. Scroll to the bottom of the page to find the special Christmas offering.

