

Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year to all!

Christmas Eve offering Sending love and bringing hope to wildfire survivors

Tonight we will have a special offering for United Methodist Committee on Relief and the California-Nevada Annual Conference Disaster Response Recovery Fund. The UMC has boots on the ground to help those struggling to recover from the devastating wildfires that have ravaged lives and property across California.

UMCOR is the humanitarian relief and development arm of the UMC, helping survivors with hands-on services as well as monetary support. One hundred percent of what UMCOR receives goes to the field to help individuals and churches affected by tragic events. The Cal-Nevada Conference is home to a number of UMC congregations severely affected by the fires – some facing church property damage as well as the loss of homes and businesses of congregation members.

God has richly blessed each of us, and we are called to give back. We hope you'll plan to give generously.

Pick up your Christmas flowers

Thanks to all who bought poinsettias to decorate the narthex and sanctuary for Christmas. You may pick up plants after the **10pm service** on Christmas Eve. Any plants not picked up by **Sunday, Dec. 30**, will be donated.



Sunday, Dec. 30 worship

We'll have one service at 10am on **Sunday, Dec. 30**, with Pastor John McBride's message, From Darkness into Light and featuring Karen Flynn on organ. Sunday school will be on break Dec. 30, returning on Sunday, Jan. 6, at 9am and 10:45am.

New series: "About Life"

New beginnings, new opportunities, and hopes for the new year.

Starts Jan. 6, 2019.

January events

Jan. 1: Church office closed.

Jan. 2: Wednesday night children's and youth activities resume.

Jan. 6: Two services and Sunday school restart; Baking with a Purpose bread pickup after each service

Jan. 20: Living Out Loud: Remembering Martin Luther King Jr., with guest artist Maurice Jacox at 9 and 10:45am services

Jan. 21: Wild Game dinner, 6pm

Jan. 27: All-church charge conference

Jan. 28: Book club, 7pm

White Bear Lake UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NOURISHING THE HUNGERS OF LIFE

10pm Worship ~ Monday, December 24, 2018

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE; PLEASE SEE USHERS

• PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

Christmas Eve



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PRELUDE

“Adagio”

Nimrod from the Enigma Variations

Sir Edward Elgar
adapted by Kenneth Jennings

WELCOME

OPENING WORDS (responsively)

On this holiest of nights,
**we come, joining the shepherds
who are stunned by wonder.**

On this most silent night,
**we come, our hopes and dreams
joining those of Mary and Joseph.**

On this nights of carols and candlelight,
**we come, our glad songs joining
with the choirs of angels over us.**

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.
Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

•OPENING CAROL	“Joy to the World” 1, 2 & 4	No. 246
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✦LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Tom, Nancy, David, Elyse, Paige and Brady Leiser

LESSON	The Promise	Isaiah 9:2-7
<i>The prophet announces the birth of a child who will bring peace and justice to all people.</i>		

ANTHEM

“Night of Silence”
Chancel Choir

Arr. by John Ferguson

LESSON	The Birth	Luke 2:1-7
<i>Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph against a backdrop of emperors and taxes.</i>		

+CAROL "Away in a Manger" No. 217

LESSON	The Announcement	Luke 2:8-14
<i>An angel brings good news to watchful shepherds.</i>		

*CAROL	"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"	No. 240
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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, we give you thanks for all the gifts you have given us. We thank you for safe shelter, plenty of food, healthy friends and family. May we be generous now so that others may know these gifts as well. We pray for all people to be safe, to be healthy, and to have access to food and shelter. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

OFFERTORY “Child of the Poor/What Child Is This” by Scott Soper
Chancel Choir

MESSAGE A Christmas Visitor Pastor Bill Eaves

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+UNISON READING "God is Light" (adapted from 1 John 1)

From the very beginning, we have seen it with our eyes, we have heard it with our ears, we have touched it with our hands. Today we proclaim it with our lips that God is light, pure light! Together, we walk in the light, since God is in the light, and we share our days filled with life and love. Let us shine our light before others, and love one another, for light and love are of God.

+LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Tip only the unlit candle when lighting. Please keep your candle lit through the singing of "Silent Night." As you go, please leave the candle in the basket in the narthex.

*CAROL "Silent Night" No. 239

+THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING

+POSTLUDE "On Christmas Night" arr. Michael Burkhardt

A special thank you to the candle lighters, readers, musicians and soloists for helping with our service.