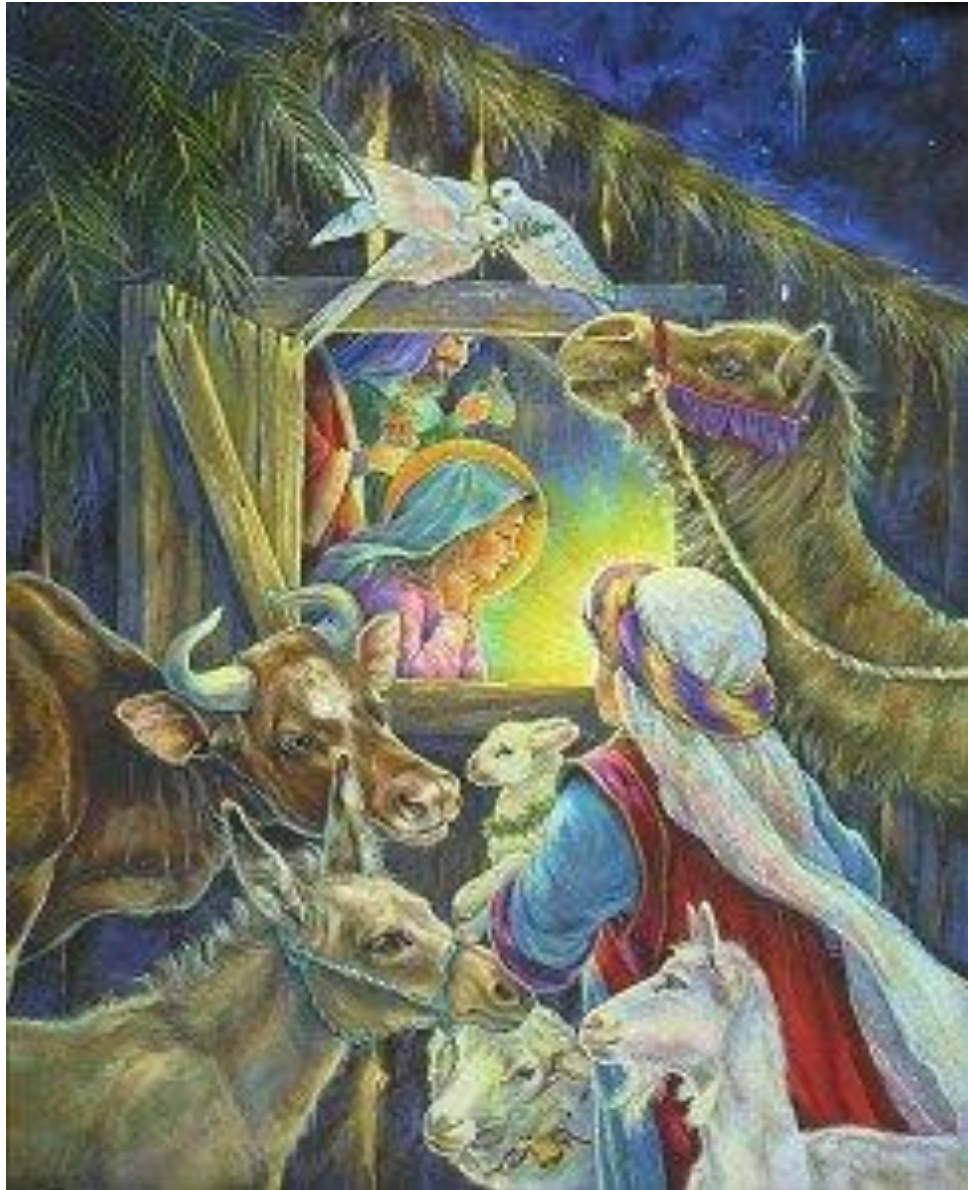


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Family Worship Service  
December 24, 2017*



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**Welcome to Eastport United Methodist Church**

where we share our experiences of God’s Kingdom with all,  
through our faith, love, fellowship, and service.

Our vision is to have everyone actively involved in worship that enriches,  
ministries that empower, and evangelism that embraces all.

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**CHRISTMAS EVE  
Family Worship Service**

December 24, 2017

5:00 p.m.



**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WELCOME**

Pastor Michelle

**\*OPENING CAROL**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful, v.1, 6*

UMH 234

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE:** Mike & Lisa, Taylor & Kristen Stevens

**One:** The light has come into the world! God has been born among us! As we light the Christ candle, we are reminded that light is a gift from God, a gift to be shared. Help us humbly receive the light of Jesus Christ in our lives. And may we share the gift of your light, your hope, your peace, your joy, and your love with others.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus, Come. Welcome to our world!**

**Sung Response:**

*Light A Candle Bright and Tall*  
To the tune of “As with Gladness”

*Light a candle bright and tall  
For the Christ we greet today.  
Christ has come, our all in all.  
With the angels, let us say:  
Shine within our hearts today  
Come, O Christ, to us, we pray.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

# EXPERIENCING THE CHRISTMAS STORY THROUGH ALL OUR SENSES

## A TASTE OF CHRISTMAS IN BETHLEHEM

**Carol**                      *O Little Town of Bethlehem v.1*                      UMH 230

## THE SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS IN THE STABLE

**Special Music**                      *The Friendly Beasts*                      Wesleyan Choir  
**Carol**                      *Away in a Manger, v.1*                      UMH 217

## THE SIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS TO THE SHEPHERDS

**Carol**                      *Angels We Have Heard on High, v.1*                      UMH 238

## THE SMELLS OF CHRISTMAS TO MARY AND JOSEPH

**Carol**                      *Joy to the World, v.1*                      UMH 246

**Christmas Offering**                      *We Three Kings, v. 1-5*                      UMH 254

*After the offering, the children are invited to come forward to receive a gift.*

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### THE TOUCH OF CHRISTMAS TO US

**Meditation**                      *God Touches Earth*                      **Pastor Michelle**

**Carol**                      *Hark the Herald Angels Sing, v. 1*                      UMH 240

### THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS: CHRIST IN US

**Reading**                      *Now the Work of Christmas Begins*

### \*CANDLE LIGHTING

*The congregation is invited to form a circle around the sanctuary.  
Take your bulletins and candles with you.*

### \*SHARING OF THE LIGHT

*Please tip the unlit candle toward the lit candle as the light makes it way through the sanctuary. Glow lights are available for children.*

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,  
shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven a-  
far,  
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born!

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!

**\*BLESSING**

**\*SHARING CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

(\*Please stand as you are able).

**We thank all those who had a part in tonight's service,  
and all who attended. The Staff of EUMC wishes you  
a Merry Christmas and we pray that God will continue  
to bless you and all those you love.**

The Christmas wreaths decorating the pews this evening were made by pre-kindergarten children at Eastport Elementary School. It was their way of thanking EUMC and the United Methodist Men for their generous gifts to the children.

The posters on the walls were done by the children of EUMC for their service.

**You are invited to our final Christmas Vigil on December 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
And to our Annual Interfaith New Year's Eve Service, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**