

**Christmas Eve  
Family Worship Service  
December 24, 2015**



**Eastport United Methodist Church  
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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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5:30 p.m.

**GATHERING MUSIC**

*Silent Night - Alaina Ugolini*  
*Angels We Have Heard on High – Alaina Ugolini*  
*Carol of the Bells – Molly Parrish*  
*Joy to the World – Molly Parrish*

**WELCOME**

Pastor Michelle

**\*OPENING CAROL**

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

UMH 234

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE** – Scott, Nicole, Brooke & Ashlyn Hughes  
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.**

**Sung Response:**

**Here I Am To Worship, v. 2**  
*King of all days, oh so highly exalted*  
*Glorious in Heaven above*  
*Humbly You came to the earth*  
*You created all for love's sake became poor*  
*Here I am to worship,*  
*Here I am to bow down,*  
*Here I am to say that you're my God,*

*You're altogether lovely,  
Altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.*

**The ABC's of Christmas: The Christmas Story**

**A - E**

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL**    *O Little Town of Bethlehem v.1*                      UMH 230

**F - G**

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

**H - J**

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL**    *\* Joy to the World, v.1*    UMH 246

**K - M**

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL**    *Away in a Manger, v. 1-2*    UMH 217

**N - O**

**OFFERING OF GIFTS**                      *The First Noel, v. 1-3*    UMH 245

*(During the offering, all children are invited to come forward to help create an image of nativity scene. Each child will have received a headpiece to be an angel, a shepherd, or a wise one as they arrived. Children are invited come up the aisle with their headpiece and gather around the manger.)*

**P - Q**

**PRAYERS FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD**    *Star Child*                      TFWS 2095

*Each sung verse will be followed by a short prayer.*

**R - T**

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL**    *We Three Kings, v.1*    UMH 254

**U - Z**

**\*CANDLE LIGHTING**

*The congregation is invited to form a circle around the sanctuary.*

## **\*SHARING OF THE LIGHT**

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

## **\*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL**      *Silent Night*

UMH 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, 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**

Ushers – Shirley & Sonny Owen, Amanda & Dave Owen

Joseph – Vaughan Parrish

Mary – Addie Parrish

The Angel Gabriel – Pastor Michelle

Lead Shepherd – Jill Peddicord

**We thank all those who had a part in tonight's service,  
and all who attended.**

**The Staff, Wendy, JoAnn, and Pastor Michelle, wish you a  
Merry Christmas and  
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.

## **WORSHIP AT EASTPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m. Service of Stories and Songs

**Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve Interfaith Service**

6:30 p.m. Pre-Service Program

7:00 p.m. Worship Celebration for Peace

**New Sermon Series Beginning January 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Questioning the Bible:**

**Reading Scripture with Head & Heart**

- Jan 17: What is this book we call "Scripture"?  
Who wrote it and what kind of book is it?
- Jan 24: Is it true?  
Is this fact or fiction...or something else?
- Jan 31: The Bible says it, I believe it, that settles it.  
Is that how it works?
- Feb. 7: Does it really matter today?