



milford united methodist church

December 24, 2025 | Christmas Eve | 7:00 PM

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor
Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

MUSICAL SHARING

"Christmastime is Here" Marcus Lovallo, *piano*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The angels are singing a new song!

Glory to the newborn King!

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice, for our hopes are fulfilled in the Child of the Manger.

God has given us a new song to sing. Let our voices soar with good tidings.

***OPENING HYMN**

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

UMH 240++

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

God of Eternity, whose rule extends to the farthest stars, come to rule within us on this wondrous night, when the Word becomes flesh once more to dwell among us. We open ourselves to the light and long to offer our lives as a dwelling place for your truth. Speak to us again through the Child of Bethlehem. Reach out to the child in all of us, and hold us in the warmth of love's embrace. We gather as your children to say thank you for loving us so much that you gave us the greatest gift of all, the babe in the manger, Jesus Christ our Lord.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH	Bill and Joan Arlequeeuw	
*CAROL	"Joy to the World"	UMH 246++
BELL CHOIR ANTHEM	"Carol of the Bells"	M. Leontovich
THE CHRISTMAS STORY		
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		
SCRIPTURE	Luke 1:26-38	NT. P.56-57
CAROL	"Angels from the Realms of Glory" (verse 1) <i>[The Angels are placed in the Creche]</i>	UMH 220
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:1-5	NT. P.58
CAROL	"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (verse 1) <i>[Mary and Joseph are placed in the Creche]</i>	UMH 230
A WORD	"On the Animals"	
CAROL	"The Friendly Beasts" (verses 1 & 2) <i>[The Animals are placed in the Creche]</i>	UMH 227
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:6-7	NT. P.58
CAROL	"Away in a Manger" (verse 1) <i>[Baby Jesus is placed in the Creche]</i>	UMH 217
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:8-20	NT. P. 58
CAROL	"Angels We Have Heard on High" (verses 1 & 2) <i>[The Shepherds are placed in the Creche]</i>	UMH 238
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 2:1-11	NT. P. 2
CAROL	"The First Noel" (verse 3) <i>[The Wise Men are placed in the Creche]</i>	UMH 245
MUSICAL SHARING	"Il Est Né"	Dr. Robert Ollar
SERMON	"Signs and Glory"	

ANTHEM	"Angels Carol"	John Rutter
CHRISTMAS OFFERING		
OFFERTORY	"Cradle Song"	
*DOXOLOGY	"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (verses 1-3)	UMH 234++
*OFFERTORY PRAYER		
<i>Glorious God, we bring our offerings with joy. Bless these gifts, that they may spread your good news of great joy to all people. Use them to bring peace, justice, and hope to our community and beyond, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</i>		
PASTORAL PRAYER		
LORD'S PRAYER		UMH 895
MUSICAL SHARING	"O Holy Night"	Steven Bloomer-Teague
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE		
CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT		
*CLOSING HYMN	"Silent Night, Holy Night"	UMH 239++
*CHRISTMAS BLESSING		
POSTLUDE	"Silent Night"	

++ Indicates someone's favorite hymn

Merry Christmas

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