



milford united methodist church

December 24, 2022 | Christmas Eve | 4:30 PM

The ABC's of Christmas

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor
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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Twelve Days of Christmas

*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, who taught us to pray together...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

INTRODUCTION TO THE ABCs of CHRISTMAS

“A” is for ANGEL
SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-38
CAROL “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” (vs. 1) UMH 218

“B” is for Bethlehem
SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-5

“C” is for Census
“D” is for Donkey
“E” is for Exhausted
CAROL “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (vs. 1 & 2) UMH 230

“F” is for Family
SCRIPTURE Luke 2:6-8

“G” is for Good News
SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-20

“H” is for Hope
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH 1st Candle The Donson and Ale Families

“I” is for Imagine
“J” is for Joy
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH 2nd Candle The Donson and Ale Families
*CAROL “Joy to the World” (vs. 1 & 2) UMH 246++

“K” is for King
“L” is for Love
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH 3rd Candle The Donson and Ale Families

“M” is for Manger
CAROL “Away in a Manger” (vs. 1) UMH 217

“N” is for Noel
CAROL “The First Noel” (vs. 1) UMH 245

“O” is for Offering
OFFERING & *DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 94++

“P” is for Peace
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH 4th Candle The Donson and Ale Families

“Q” is for Quiet
SILENT PRAYER

“R” is for Revealed
“S” is for Star
SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:1-11
CAROL “We Three Kings” (vs. 1) UMH 254

“T” is for Table
“U” is for Unity
“V” is for Vulnerable
SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9:2b, 6-7

“W” is for Wonder
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Rev. Jennifer Lovallo

“X” is for Christ
“Y” is for You
“Z” is for Zeal
CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT

*CLOSING HYMN “Silent Night, Holy Night” UMH 239++
*CHRISTMAS BLESSING

POSTLUDE

++ *Indicates someone’s favorite hymn*

Merry Christmas



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