

ASSISTING IN TONIGHT'S SERVICE:

AV TEAM: Brittany and Quinton Scott

LITURGIST: Kit Thomas

CRUCIFERS: Rhys Weisman, Olivia Take **ACOLYTES:** Caden Bridges, Mason Bridges
BANNER BEARERS: Andrew Strong, Anthony Strong

BIBLE BEARER: Diana Laforty

USHERS: Shirley and Bryan Davis, Colleen and Ty Strong



Offerings can be placed in the sanctuary offering plates, mailed to the church (819 Park St. Jacksonville, FL 32204) or given online using "MyWell" (code to the right): www.mywell.org/give/rpumc



WESLEYAN COVENANT RENEWAL SERVICE

Sunday, December 31st
@ 10:30 a.m. –combined service



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Christmas Eve



TRADITIONAL SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 2023

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2023

7:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

Purvis

What Child Is This?

WELCOME

Rev. Emily Knight

INTROIT

Joubert

Torches, Torches
Chancel Choir

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

No. 234

O Come, All Ye Faithful
(Verses 1-3, 6)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Please join by responding with the words in bold:

Glory to God in the highest!

And hope to every discouraged heart.

Glory to God in the highest!

And peace to every weary soul.

Glory to God in the highest!

And joy and light for all who sit in darkness.

For tonight, the love of God has been born to us: wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.

Our Savior, Messiah, the Lord is with us.

All: Glory to God in the highest.

*RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

Let no one be a stranger in the house of God.

Please take this opportunity to greet those around you.

*HYMN

No. 238

Angels We Have Heard on High (verse 1)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We welcome Joe, Sue, Amanda and Makenzie Springer who will light tonight's advent candles. [Isaiah 9:2-6]

ANTHEM

Sherman

Carol of the Bells
Chancel Ringers

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: "Lord, in your mercy,"

ALL: "Hear our prayer."

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Manz

On Christmas Night
Chancel Choir

Tonight's offering will have direct community impact —equally split between ministries that provide free food for families who need it (Family Promise of Jacksonville and Wednesday Night Dinners.)

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

SCRIPTURE & MEDITATION:

Luke 2:1-20
Rev. Emily Knight

HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Adam

O Holy Night
Julie Garmendia, Soprano

*LIGHTING OF CANDLES

No. 239

Silent Night, Holy Night
(We will raise our candles during references to "light".)

*HYMN

No. 246

Joy to the World
Verses 1, 2 & 4 (Please extinguish your candle at this time.)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Chapman

Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella

If you purchased a poinsettia, please wait until *after* the postlude to come forward and collect it from the chancel area.