

SERMON	A Silent Night? A Holy Night!	Rev. Rebecca Edwards
COMMUNION		Rev. Rebecca Edwards
CANDLELIGHT HYMN	<i>“Silent Night”</i>	UMH No.239
CHRISTMAS PRAYER		Rev. Rebecca Edwards
* BENEDICTION	<i>“Joy to the World”</i>	UMH No.246
POSTLUDE	<i>“The First Noel”</i>	Laybn Hollis

Liturgist:	Monty Kunes
Ministers:	Every Member
Pastor:	Rebecca Edwards
Lay Leader:	Monty Kunes
Musician:	Laybn Hollis
Administrative Assistant:	Susan Burkett

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

7:00 pm



Reynoldsville First Methodist Church
 Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania
 Rev. Rebecca Edwards

Dec 24, 2024 Purple Christmas Eve

PRELUDE “*Christmas Time Is Here*” Laybn Hollis & Ron Smith

WELCOME Rev. Rebecca Edwards

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Slides

* CALL TO WORSHIP Monty Kunes

L: Glory to God in the highest!
P: And peace to every conflicted soul.

L: Glory to God in the highest!
P: And love to everyone.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”* UMH No.230

OPENING PRAYER All

God of birth, God of light, in this time of song and prayer and silence, reawaken in us the awe of Christmas. As we hear again the story of a young woman and a surprising visitor, remind us that we are called to respond to you in unexpected ways. And when we leave this place, may we be willing to sing praises for a young woman who said YES and the birth that we prepare to celebrate. We pray in the name of the child, Jesus. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>“O Holy Night”</i>	Kristen, Ron, Monty
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CHILDRENS MOMENT Rev. Rebecca Edwards

PRAYER HYMN

“Away in a Manger”

UMH No.217

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-20

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¹In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ²(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,

⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. ⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” ¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

2025 Poinsettias

In memory of Don Bechtel	Given by Freddi Bechtel
In memory of Karen Brady	Given by Matt, Erica, & Aliza Brady
In memory of Karen Brady	Given by Ryan & Kristen Brady
In memory of Dale Clontz	Given by Sue Burkett
In honor of Pastor Rebecca Edwards	Given by Beth Edwards
In honor of Beth Edwards	Given by Pastor Becky Edwards
In memory of Our Parents	Given by Pastor Becky & Beth
In memory of Loved Ones	Given by Laudrea Frampton
In memory of Sonny Getch	Given by Marie Getch
In memory of Mom & Dad	Given by Joe & Sheri Smith
In memory of Doug Larabee, Phillip Reiter & Nadalyn Thompson	
	Given by Betty Stauffer
In memory of Willian Stover	Given by Nancy Stover
In memory of My Parents Judy & Phillip Reiter	Given by Kim Tagliaferre
In memory of Cy & Lou Vandervort	Given by Bill & Debbie Vandervort
In memory of Sandy Frampton	Given by Tim & Jackie Walls

Whispers of Christmas Magic

In twilight's hush, the world grows still,
As stars weave light on snowy hill.
Soft bells ring out, a gentle tune,
While silvered clouds embrace the moon.
The air is filled with secrets sweet,
Of gifts unseen and dreams complete.
A warmth that glows, both near and far,
Guided by one bright, shining star.
In hearts and homes, the magic stirs,
A spell of joy, of peace, on earth.
For Christmas lives, a spark so bright,
Enchanting all on winter's night.