



Rejoice

WORSHIP THE KING



EAST FAIRFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. Deb Quillen

Organist: Ruth Rowley
Pianist: Nancy Setinsek

Ministers: The Congregation
Choir Director: Randy Hart

7 p.m. Christmas Eve

GATHERING

*Manger Carols, Of The Fathers Love Begotten, The Sleep of the Infant Jesus
Christmas Praise, O Jesu Sweet Jesu Mild, Cradle Song, Star Carols*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

with Congregation & Choir

LITANY

L: Tonight, we celebrate hope fulfilled in the birth of Christ.

P: Joy to the world! The Lord has come.

L: Tonight, we celebrate the promise of peace on earth.

P: Let earth receive her King.

L: Tonight, we celebrate the joy of knowing a Savior has come.

P: Let every heart prepare him room.

L: Tonight, we celebrate the love of God, through Jesus Christ.

P: Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

CANDLE LIGHTING

Andrew & Debbie Lawlor

PRAYER

Gracious God, as we celebrate tonight we join with the angel choir in proclaiming your glory. We thank you for giving us the perfect gift this Christmas Eve, the gift of eternal life through Christ. We ask that you guide our feet, direct our minds, hear our prayers, and fill our hearts with the hope, peace, joy, and love of this Christmas season. We ask these things in the name of Christ Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CAROL "Joy to the World" #246

OFFERING The Little Drummer Boy/Peace on Earth
(Randy Hart & Andrew Lawlor)

CAROL "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #234

LET'S GO TO BETHLEHEM

INTRODUCTION Rev. Deb

CAROL "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #230

ADAM AND EVE Rev. Deb
Matthew 1:21-23 Emily Saphore

ISAIAH Rev. Deb

CHOIR ANTHEM "Christ Is Born this Holy Night"

ABRAHAM AND SARAH, JACOB, AND DAVID	Rev. Deb
Luke 1:32-33, 68-73a	Richard Saphore
CAROL	“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” (vs 1 & 2) #216
ZECHARIAH AND ELIZABETH	Rev. Deb
Luke 1:67, 76-79	Emily
THE ANGEL GABRIEL AND MARY	Rev. Deb
CAROL	“The First Noel” (vs 1,2,3,) #245
Luke 1:26-32, 34-35, 38	Richard
JOSEPH OBEYS GOD	Rev. Deb
Matthew 1:20-21, 24	Emily
CAESAR AUGUSTUS AND THE CENSUS	Rev. Deb
JOSEPH AND MARY GO TO BETHLEHEM	Rev. Deb
Luke 2:7	Richard
CAROL	“Away in a Manger” #217
CHOIR ANTHEM	“What You Gonna Call Yo’ Pretty Little Baby”
ANGELS AND SHEPHERDS	Rev. Deb
Luke 2:8-12	Emily
CAROL	“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” #240
CHOIR ANTHEM	“Shepherd’s Joy”
THE GOOD NEWS OF BETHLEHEM	Rev. Deb
CHRISTMAS PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER	
CAROL	“Silent Night” #239

BENEDICTION

L: The child is born!

P: Alleluia! Our God has come among us! Let the whole earth rejoice! Let us leave the manger and return to our daily routines, knowing that we have seen the Lord, and glorifying and praising God for all that we have heard and seen. Alleluia! Our God is now here!

L: Go forth, with full confidence and joy that you have seen the Messiah.

P: Alleluia! Our God is now here!

L: Go forth to spread the Good News wherever you go, sharing God’s love and promise with all whom you meet. Go into the world to bring peace among people, and make music in every heart.

P: Alleluia! Our God is now here!

L: In the name of our God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, we cry out with the angels in the heavens and the shepherds in the fields:

P: Alleluia! Our God is now here! Amen.

