

CHRISTMAS DAY, Sunday, December 25, 2022: ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 11:00 AM.
(No nursery provided.)

NEW YEAR'S DAY, Sunday, January 1, 2023: ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 11:00 AM. (No nursery provided.)

OFFICE HOURS: The Church Office will be closed Monday, December 26, through Wednesday, December 28, 2022.

Leading Our Worship December 24, 5:00 PM

Greeters: Bill & Karen Comer, Donna Nunery
Ushers: Gary Williams*, Bill Comer, Jim Watkins, Beth Stewart, Kay Williams *Head Usher

Leading Our Worship December 24, 2022, 10:00 PM

Greeters: Susan Petrey
Ushers: Gordon Jones*, Larry Koon, Bob Kutz, Tommy Petrey, Scott Pugh, *Head Usher

Leading Our Worship December 25, 2022, 11:00 AM

Greeters: Linda Large, Will Schmidt
Ushers: Gordon Jones*, Bob Kutz, Beth Stewart *Head Usher

Leading Our Worship January 1, 2023, 11:00 AM

Greeters: Stephanie Deckert, Beth Stewart
Ushers: Gary Williams*, Will Herrmann, Larry Koon *Head Usher

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Chester United Methodist Church

10:00 PM ~ December 24, 2022

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Please sign the red attendance register and pass it to your neighbor.

Welcome

Prelude *Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child* Jack Price, trumpet

* Opening Prayer

Lord of light, the dark is not dark to you for you are a God who births light into the world. We are a people who live in darkness. We seek your light in our lives to give us sight, to give us meaning, to give us salvation. Be born this night in us Christ-light. Coo in the manger of our hearts. Glow so brightly that day overcomes night, and all the world may see you, Christ Child. Amen.

* Hymn No. 246 *Joy to the World*

Anthem *A Midwinter Noel* Chancel Choir

Why We Give

Offertory *The Perfect Tree* Craig Seal

* Doxology No. 94

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer No. 895

Hymn No. 245 *The First Noel* stanzas 1 & 2

Scripture *Luke 2:1-21* KJV

Message *An Astonished Shepherd* Pastor Nathan Decker

* Lighting the Christ Candle

Holy Communion

Carols During Communion

No. 217

No. 218

No. 219

No. 229

No. 230

Away in a Manger
It Came upon the Midnight Clear
What Child Is This
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
O Little Town of Bethlehem

stanzas 1 & 4

Special Music

O Holy Night

Joshua Wortham

* Candlelight Hymn No. 239

Silent Night

* Benediction

* Postlude

* *Please stand as you are able. **Bold print indicates a response in unison.***

Hearing Assistance Devices, Large Print Hymnals, and Braille Hymn Sheets are available for use in the Sanctuary. Please ask an usher.