

NEW YEAR'S EVE, Sunday, December 31, 2023: Worship at 8:30 and 11:00 AM. There will be NO Bridge Service at 9:45. Sunday School classes will meet.

OFFICE HOURS: The Church Office will be closed Monday, December 25, through Wednesday, December 27, 2023.

Leading Our Worship December 24, 7:00 PM

Greeters: Ed Garrett

Ushers: Beth Stewart*, Bill Comer, Pat Stanfield, James Bartlett, Tommy Petrey *Head Usher

Communion: Sandra Dishman, Terri Dombrowski, Brion & Sonja Seward,
Lilly Freiin von Ketelhodt, Alexandria Paradie

Leading Our Worship December 24, 11:00 PM

Greeters: Beth Stewart

Ushers: Gordon Jones*, Bob Kutz, Joan & Steve Osborne, Larry Koon *Head Usher

Communion: Tracey Kellam, Sandy Sims

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Chester United Methodist Church

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7:00 and 11:00 PM

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

Prelude

Sing Joy!

Jack Price, trumpet

Welcome

* Hymn No. 246

Joy to the World

* 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.

Anthem

Jesus Christ Is Born
from "Joy Has Dawned"

Chancel Choir

Why We Give

Offertory

Silent Night

Tom McHugh, handbells

* 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 & The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

Hymn No. 238

Angels We Have Heard on High

Special Music	<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i>	Chelsea Buyalos
Scripture	<i>Luke 2:1-20</i>	KJV
Message	<i>Welcoming the Christmas Bias</i>	Pastor Nathan Decker
* Lighting the Christ Candle		
Holy Communion		
Communion Meditation Music	<i>Away in a Manger O Little Town of Bethlehem Mary, Did You Know?</i>	Jack Price, trumpet
Special Music	<i>O Holy Night</i>	Joshua Wortham
* Candlelight Hymn No. 239	<i>Silent Night</i>	
* Benediction		
* Postlude		

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