

Christmas Eve Family Worship Service

December 24, 2025

6:30 pm

✦ GATHERING SONG #230
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

WORDS OF WELCOME Pastor Beth Malone
When all other lights go out... a light shines in the darkness.
When all other hopes fade away... a new hope is born.
When all other songs are stilled...
an angel chorus breaks forth.
Rejoice, tonight is a night of miracles.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Allen and Joyce Yarton

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Pastor Beth Malone

✦ CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SONGS Praise Band
"Joy to the World" #246
"The First Noel" #245

CHRISTMAS EVE HOMILY Pastor Beth Malone

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS WITH HOLY COMUNION

EVENING PRAYER AND Pastor Beth Malone
THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING
PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✦ RECEIVING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST (*lighting of our candles*)

The pastor will light her candle from the Christ candle and will move down the center aisle lighting the candles of the people seated at the end of each pew. Each worshipper will turn and light the candle of the person seated next to him/her.

✦ HYMN Praise Band
"Silent Night"

You may extinguish your candle after the hymn and return it to the table by the doors as you leave the sanctuary.

✦ Please stand for these portions of the service if possible.

✦ We would like to thank Rev. Beth Malone and our musicians, Randy Bigelow, Jim Varner, and the Praise Band, for leading the worship service tonight and for sharing their Christmas Eve with us.

Thank you for joining us tonight as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We invite you to join us in worship as we meet each Sunday, at 9:30 am, followed by a time of fellowship in our Fellowship Hall.



Watchnight Service and
New Year's Eve Fellowship
Wednesday, December 31st
9:00 pm - Watchnight Service

Bring in the new year with a special "Watchnight Service" in the sanctuary, to reflect on the past year and prepare for the new one. It will be followed by a time of family fun, food, and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. Friends (new and old), fellowship, and games! Bring your favorite board game or card game and join the fun!

The tradition of Watch Night services can be traced back to the early 18th century, when Moravian churchgoers would hold vigils to reflect on the past year and look forward to the new one. The practice was adopted by John Wesley for his Methodist followers.

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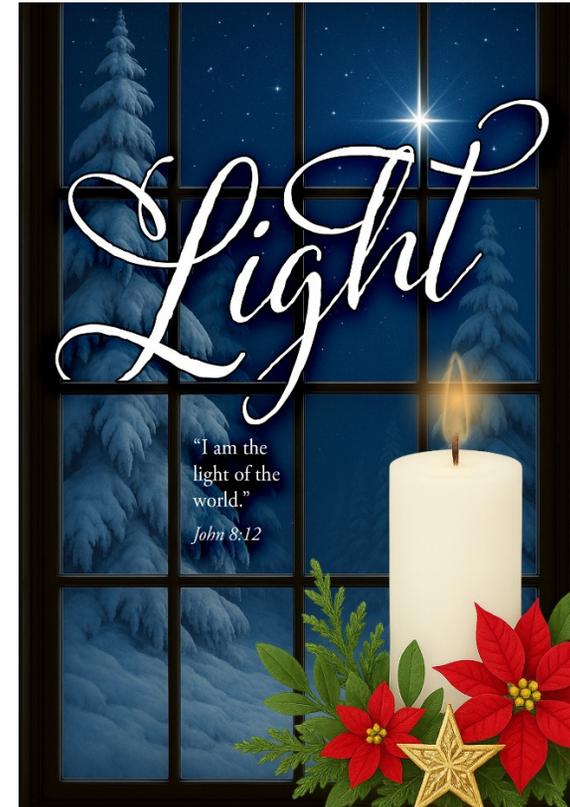
**Red Cross Blood Drive
Tuesday, January 6
1:00 – 6:00 pm**

Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. During the holidays many people are “too busy” to give, and the need for donors becomes critical. Won't you take a few hours and give the gift of life?



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Rev. Beth Malone

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Bill Lewis

SUPPORT TEAM

Administrative Assistant - Kathy Rosier

Custodian - Dave Woodworth

Nursery Attendant - Marissa Ross

MUSIC TEAM

Director of Music - Cynthia Towler

Accompanist - Jim Varner

Praise Team - Randy Bigelow

Bell Choir - Sandi Szymanski

Children's Choir - Beth Feuerstein

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