

Christmas Eve 2019

Crossroads UMC



“Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah,^[a] the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”



Order of Worship

Gathering *Music provided by Don Tigert, William Kendrick, and Camarada Brass Quintet*

Welcome
Welcome Video

Opening Carol *O Come All Ye Faithful #234*

Luke 2:1-5 Jane Fleischer
Reader 1: Erin Smith
Reader 2: Ellen Smith

Welcoming the Holy Family: A Service of *Las Posadas* “Lodging”
“Welcome to Our World” Chris Rice
Soloist Noah Ott

Luke 2:8-9 Sophia Thomas

***Carol** *It Came Upon A Midnight Clear #218 vs. 1,4*

Luke 2:10-14 Sophia Radosevic
Angel Voices- Bode Stephan, Anna Radosevic, James Ackerman, Luke Ackerman

***Carol** *Angels We Have Heard On High #238 vs.1,3,4*

Oatmeal on Christmas *(this is a video highlighting our feeding ministries at Crossroads)*

Offertory *Away in a Manger*
Crossroads Kids Choir

***Doxology** *In the Bleak Midwinter #221 v.4*

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Choral Anthem *“Rise Up Shepherd”* Joel Raney
Collin Goff, clarinet

Luke 2:15-20 Bode Stephan

Magnificat “Mary’s Song” Soloist Maya Polen Todd Agnew

“Are We There Yet?” Rev. Don Ackerman

Candle Lighting

***Carol** *Silent Night*

***Benediction**

A BIG thank you from Pastor Don!

Thank you for being a part of this year's Christmas Eve service. Volunteers like you are what make Crossroads a truly special place and I am sincerely grateful for the gifts of your time and talent to "make real" the good news of Jesus Christ. It is a great privilege to sing, read, and serve God in worship and I am happy that so many here at Crossroads get to be a part of it. This year Christmas Eve contains a service of Las Posadas which means "lodging" in Spanish. It is centered on the question of whether or not we let Jesus into our hearts and our world today. With many people in our world in need of shelter either as refugees leaving countries torn apart by war or those on our own streets here in Canton, the story of the holy family trying to find a place to stay reminds us of our Christian responsibility to be "people of welcome and hospitality" (*Deuteronomy 10:19, Matthew 25:40*). I hope you find the service a blessing. I can already say with certainty that God will work through you and the gifts you offer. Thank you again and never hesitate to call or email me. Merry Christmas to you and your families and thank you again from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,

Rev. Don Ackerman

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Meet people where they are
walk with them as followers of Jesus
and grow in love together

This Christmas Eve you are helping people see, feel, and live the way of Jesus,
on Christmas Eve

THE WAY OF LOVE

