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**MEARS UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

December 24, 2023

**O Christmas Tree:
Light of the World**



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Today



Greetings and Announcements

Breathing in God's Grace

Call to Worship —

As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, the Light of the World, during this Advent, wherever you see a lighted Christmas tree,

Let it call to mind the One who brings light to our darkness, healing to our brokenness, and peace to all who receive him.

Doxology

Opening Prayer & Prayer of Thanksgiving

The First Noel UMH 245 vs.1

Advent Candle Lighting

Advent Song: *Advent Song* FWS 2090 vs.4

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Time with Pastor Bev

O Little Town of Bethlehem UMH 230 vs. 1-4

First Reading Luke 2:1-5

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear UMH 218 vs 1, 2

Second Reading Luke 2:6-7

Away in a Manger UMH 217 vs 1-3

Third Reading Luke 2:9-14

Angels We Have Heard on High UMH 238

Fourth Reading Luke 2:15-20

Joy To the World UMH 246

Pastor Homily—In a Manger

Silent Night, Holy Night UMH 239

Benediction & Going Forth

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

as of December 24, 2023

Fellowship Time

Volunteers are needed for Coffee Hour for January. A sign-up sheet is located in the welcome area.

Joys and Concerns

Due to the length of the service this morning we will not be having a time of Joys and Concern. Please be in prayer for one another during this special time.

Candles

Please make sure to douse your candles properly and place them in the baskets as you leave.

Offering

Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your gift.

2024

We will be going through the Gospel of Mark all year. Join us for the journey.

U P C O M I N G W O R S H I P M E E T I N G S & E V E N T S

Sunday, December 31

O Christmas Tree:

Give Hope & Strength

Titus 3:4-7

Sunday, January 7

New Beginnings

Mark 1:1-8
