

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Sunday, December 24th, 2023 @ 7 pm**

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES Boyd Law

PRELUDE Vivian Eaton

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES & CHRIST CANDLE
Jiho Yim with Bob & LaVona Grissinger

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP Molly Andersen

L: Alleluia! Rejoice on this day of Jesus' birth!

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

L: Christ comes to us as hope, peace, joy, and love!

P: We give thanks to God for the birth of Jesus Christ!

All: We worship with our hearts joyfully lifted to God!

*HYMN #234 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vs 1-3 only)

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

O God, full of grace, we thank you for calling us together to this joyful worship celebrating the birth of Jesus. We've been waiting these past four weeks, lighting the candles of hope, peace, joy, and love. Today we rejoice that Christ is born! As we light the candle of Christ, celebrating the light of the world that has come, we are deeply grateful that the light of life has shined in all dark corners of the world. Shine your light into the dark corners of our hearts too.

Brighten our path so that we may walk closer to your love and justice. Make us the messengers of Jesus' light, so that wherever we go, we may share the love and grace of Christ. Help us be born anew today. We pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:1-20 (CEB) Pastor Dave Yim

L: The Gospel of Jesus Christ!

P: Thanks be to God!

A STORY OF CHRISTMAS PAGENT Ryker McCombie

CHRISTMAS DEVOTION Pastor Dave Yim

HYMN #238 "Angels We Have Heard On High"

HOLY COMMUNION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

THE PEACE

OFFERING OURSELVES

*DOXOLOGY

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

God of the stars and the angels' songs, as we gather this evening, all our attention is focused on the baby Jesus who came to give us light and peace. As we present gifts to you, we pray that they might reach those in the greatest need, that they might lift those in the deepest despair, and that they might bring peace and compassion to those who find

themselves amidst conflict. We pray this in the name of that Holy Child, Jesus the Christ, our Savior and Redeemer! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
THE LORD'S PRAYER
BREAKING OF BREAD
SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

LIGHT OF CHRIST FILLS OUR HEARTS
HYMN #204 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

The ushers will pass the flames to the first person in every pew, and that person will pass it to the next, and so on. May we all take care to assure that we do this safely.

HYMN #239 "Silent Night, Holy Night"
Please, raise your candle carefully during the third stanza as a tribute to God's Wondrous Light, Jesus Christ, shining in our lives and through us to the world.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

All extinguish the candles. The sanctuary lights are turned back on.

*HYMN OF SENDING FORTH #246 "Joy to the World"

POSTLUDE

Vivian Eaton

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, December 24th, 2023 @ 7 pm

Vision 2023 –"Make Jesus' Disciples"

Focus on making Jesus' Disciples to transform lives and the world!
Strong in Worship, Strong in Mission, Strong in Education

"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19)

2100 Chicago Ave, Savanna, Illinois 61074

Office phone: 815-273-2345

Email: office@firstumcsavanna.org

Web: www.firstumcsavanna.org

Pastor Dave Yim cell phone: 224-600-0446

Pastor Dave email: daveyim15@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/savanna.firstumc

ccli#2014483& #21007722

TUNE RADIO TO STATION FM 88.9