



GATHERING

We gather as the people of God to be formed by God’s grace.

Welcome & Announcements

The Peace

*From your seat, please offer your neighbors the peace of Jesus Christ.
The liturgist will call out “**May the peace of Christ be with you!**”
Please respond with, “**And also with you!**”*

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Fear not! For behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ our Lord.

Many: Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.

***Hymn “O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

UMH 234, v. 1, 3, 6

Call for Joys and Concerns

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.*

Prayers of the People

*You may ask for prayer requests via chat. You also may
send prayer requests to PrayerRequests@ValeChurch.org.*

After each petition, there will be a moment of silence closed by

*“Emmanuel,” Please respond with,
“Hear our 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.

***Doxology**

UMH 221

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

*What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him: give him my heart.*

Blessing of the Offerings

Children’s Moment (7:00)

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

We hear God’s word proclaimed. We act in response.

First Lesson

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

***Carol “What Child Is This?”**

UMH 219 v. 1&3

Second Lesson

Genesis 22:15-18

Third Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

***Carol “Angels, We Have Heard on High”**

UMH 238 v. 1&2

Fourth Lesson

Micah 5:2-5a

Carol “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

UMH 230 v 1&4

Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

Special Music (7:00)

“The Hushing Carol” Spevacek

Kim Sheard, soloist

Susan Rigger, flute

Carol (11:00)

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

UMH 229

Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:8-20

***Carol “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”**

UMH 240 v 1&3

Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-11

Special Music

“Can You See the Light in Bethlehem?”

Graham/Angerman

Vale Chancel Choir

Jeff Haugh, soloist

Ninth Lesson

John 1:1-14

***Carol “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”**

UMH 224 v 1&3

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Candle Response

One: Tonight, we celebrate hope fulfilled in the birth of Christ.

Many: Joy to the world! The Lord has come

One: Tonight, we celebrate the promise of peace on earth.

Many: Let earth receive her King.

One: Tonight, we celebrate the joy of knowing a Savior has come.

Many: Let every heart prepare him room.

One: Tonight, we celebrate the love of God, through Jesus Christ.

Many: Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

Special Music (7:00)

“Antiphonal Gloria” Parks

Vale Chancel Choir

Sermon “Pointing to Jesus”

Rev. Haugh

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION (11:00)

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 15

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

In the United Methodist tradition, all who seek to lead a Christian life, together with their children, are welcome to receive communion. Gluten-free elements are available upon request.

Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

***Spreading the Light of Christ**

***Carol “Silent Night/Stille Nacht”**

UMH 239

SENDING FORTH

Transformed by God's presence, we go into the world to serve.

***Carol "Joy to the World"**

UMH 246

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

**Please stand in spirit or in posture.*

UMH - *United Methodist Hymnal*

TFWS - *The Faith We Sing Hymnal*

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Lay Readers:

Virtual Tom Feeney

7:00 Wayne Applewhite

11:00 Tom Feeney

Advent Wreath Lighters:

7:00 Diane DuBois and Bette Rutherford

11:00 The Haugh Family

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

Christmas Day, December 25, 2022

“The Baby is Born”

Jeff Haugh

Virtual ONLY - 8:30 am
Facebook Live and Youtube

Masks are no longer required at Vale. Please wear a mask and maintain distancing if you are not up to date on vaccinations or boosters, if you are engaging with children, or based on personal preference, informed by personal level of risk.

Holiday Worship Schedule: Dec 24, 2022 – Jan 8, 2023

Sat, Dec 24 - Christmas Eve

7:00 pm Virtual Service

7:00 pm Candlelight Worship (Sanctuary)

11:00 pm Candlelight and Communion (Sanctuary)

Sun, Dec 25 - Christmas Day

8:30 am Virtual Service ONLY

Sun, Jan 1 - New Year's Day

8:30 am Pajamas and Stories Virtual Service

10:00 am Pajamas and Stories (Sanctuary)

Sun, Jan 8

8:30 am Virtual Service

10:00 am Communion, Baptism Renewal (Sanctuary)

11:00 am Jeff's Holy Land Trip Talk (Fellowship Hall)

The Vale office will be closed from Dec 24 to January 2.

Lessons Readers:

Virtual

Lesson One:	Suzanne Michaelis
Lesson Two:	Miranda Mason
Lesson Three:	Lizzy Lambert
Lesson Four	Nicole Wells
Lesson Five	Judy Jobbitt
Lesson Six	Suzanne Michaelis
Lesson Seven	Shira Goodfellow
Lesson Eight	Kim Sheard
Lesson Nine	Miranda Mason

7:00

Lesson One:	Bette Rutherford
Lesson Two:	Terri Lowry
Lesson Three:	Lizzy Lambert
Lesson Four	Tom Feeney
Lesson Five	Susan Rigger
Lesson Six	Dorothy Arbiter
Lesson Seven	Karen Leniart
Lesson Eight	Kim Sheard
Lesson Nine	Terri Lowry

11:00

Lesson One:	Tom Feeney
Lesson Two:	Kim Haugh
Lesson Three:	Dorothy Arbiter
Lesson Four	Tom Feeney
Lesson Five	Kim Haugh
Lesson Six	Dorothy Arbiter
Lesson Seven	Tom Feeney
Lesson Eight	Kim Haugh
Lesson Nine	Dorothy Arbiter

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