



Advent: A Season of Hope & Expectation

Chaires United Methodist Church

December 18, 2022

Prelude: A Time for Prayer and Meditation

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Mollie Bradshaw

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Blessing of Tithes and Offerings

Lighting of the Love Candle

The First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness

***Hymn** *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* UMH 240
(v. 1-3)

The Second Lesson: Is 11:1-4a, 6-9

The king is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor and peace for all God's creation.

Lo, How A Rose Ere Blooming Choir
(arr. Jay Rouse)

The Third Lesson: Luke 1:26-35, 38

The angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will give birth to God's promised Son.

***Hymn** *What Child Is This?* UMH 219
(v. 1-3)

The Fourth Lesson: Luke 2:1-7

Against the backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.

***Hymn** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* UMH 230
(v. 1-4)

The Fifth Lesson: Luke 2:8-16

The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world, lying in a manger.

***Hymn**

The First Noel
(v. 1, 2)

UMH 245

The Sixth Lesson: Matthew 2:1-11

The wise men follow a star to find the child Jesus, the King of the Jews.

In the Bleak Midwinter

Choir

Homily

The Seventh Lesson: John 1:1-5, 14, 16-17

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

***Hymn**

O Come, All Ye Faithful
(v. 1-4)

UMH 234

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.



"A Lighthouse Guiding People to Christ"

Chaires United Methodist Church is a congregation of varied interest with a long history and bright future. The church was organized in 1862 and the historic sanctuary was constructed in 1892. The church campus is nestled amongst the stately live oak trees in the historic community of Chaires.