Silent Night, Holy Night

1. Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin, mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

3. Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light;
radiant beams from thy holy face
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

4. Silent night, holy night,
wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

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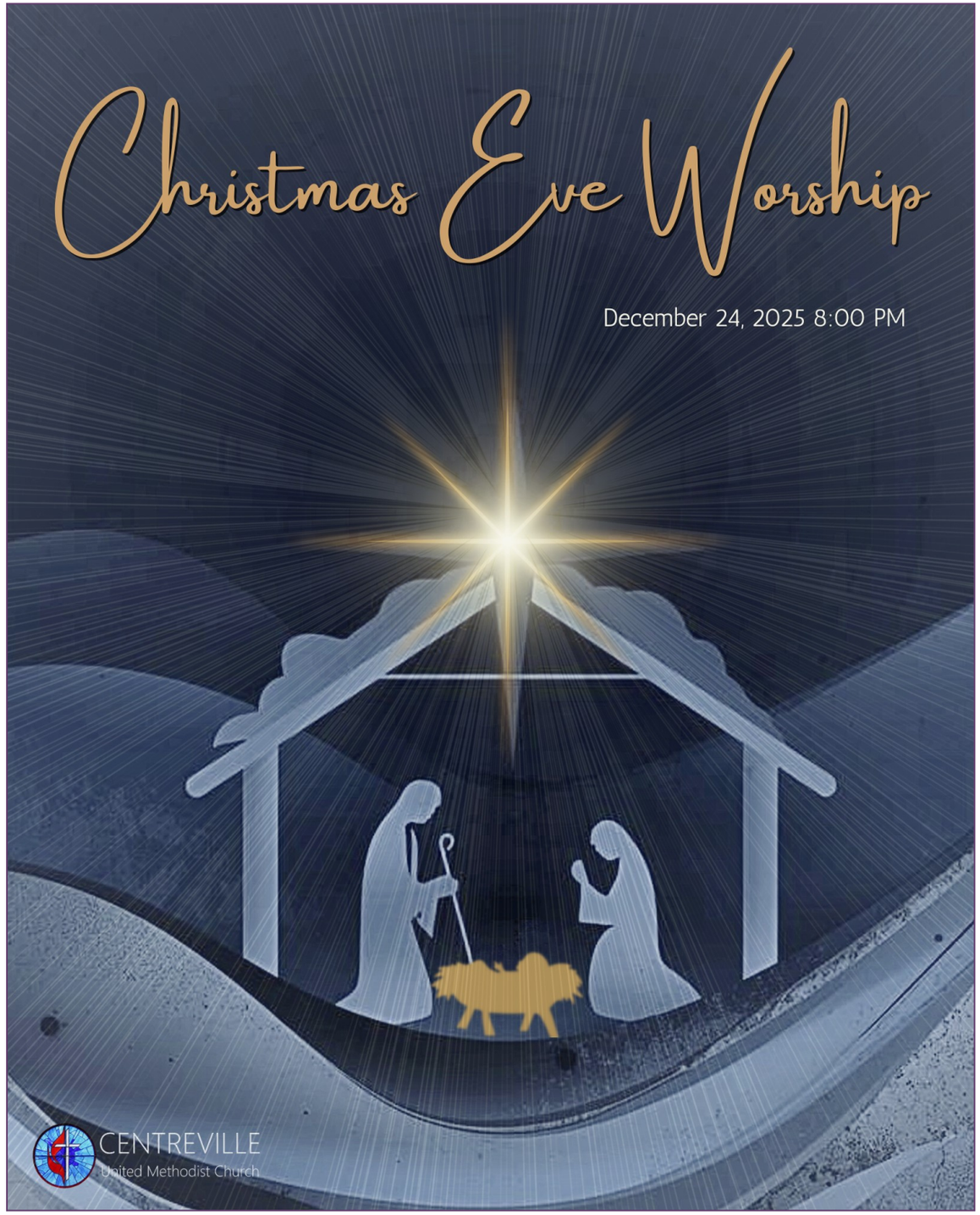

The Service of Worship

(Please silence electronic devices.)

Welcome and Announcements — Rev. Matthew Smith

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Please take a moment to register your attendance in the pew folders.

Prelude — *To the World, Joy!* — arr. Raney

Jubilation; Anna Tiesler, *piano*

*Lighting the Advent and Christ Candles — The Smith Family

Leader: "And the Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth." Tonight we celebrate the good news that God has come home — to live with us, to dwell among us, to bring heaven to earth.

People: We light the Christ Candle, rejoicing that the Light of the World has come!

Leader: This is the night when love took on flesh and the promise of God became reality. No longer are we far from home — for in Christ, God has come to make His home in us.

People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill to all! Come, Lord Jesus — our Emmanuel. You are our home.

*Opening Hymn — *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (Stz. 1-3) — Hymnal No. 234

*Passing the Peace of Christ — Rev. Phil Mohr

Old Testament Lesson — Psalm 84:1 - 4 — Rev. Phil Mohr

Anthem — *On Christmas Night* — Johnson

Voices In Praise

Epistle Lesson — Revelation 21:3 — Rev. Phil Mohr

*Hymn — *O Little Town of Bethlehem* — Hymnal No. 230

*Gospel Lesson — Luke 2:1-20 — Rev. Geitra Mickelson

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon — "Home for the Holidays" — Rev. Matthew Smith

Christmas Prayer and The Lord's Prayer — Rev. Geitra Mickelson

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.

Celebration of Our Giving — Rev. Phil Mohr

Offertory — *O Holy Night* — arr. Malendoski

Voices In Praise and Alumni; Rachel Cahoon, *solo*

*Presentation of Offering/Doxology — Hymnal No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving — Rev. Phil Mohr

*Sharing the Light of Christ

*Hymn — *Silent Night, Holy Night* — Hymnal No. 239

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(Please hold your lit candle upright to avoid dripping wax. Tilt the unlit candle when passing the light.)

*Benediction — Rev. Matthew Smith

*Benediction Response — *Joy to the World* — Hymnal No. 246

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Postlude — *Joy to the World* — arr. Langlois

Laura Hesse, *organ*

**Please stand as you are able for this act of worship.*