



# Orrville Mennonite Church

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## Worship Order for Christmas Eve December 24, 2023

Note: Please keep your coat with you this evening.  
We will move outside in front of the building after lighting our  
candles together in the sanctuary.

**PRELUDE** Marilyn Rossiter

**WELCOME and SCRIPTURE** Bill Seymour  
Revelation 4:6b-11, 5:6a, 9-14

**SONG** *Let All Mortal Flesh* WB 463

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**  
Judy King, Danae King & Charles Bontrager

**RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING** Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (NLT)

Leader: The people who walk in darkness will see a great light.

**Piano Side:** For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light  
will shine.

**All:** *For a child is born to us, a son is given to us.*

*Offering Side:* The government will rest on his shoulders.

Leader: And he will be called:

**Women: Wonderful**

*Men: Counselor*

**Women: Mighty God,**

*Men: Everlasting Father*

**All: Prince of Peace.**

Leader: His government and its peace will never end. He will rule  
with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for  
all eternity.

**All: The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven will make  
this happen!**



**SINGING** (a cappella) *Oh, How Joyfully* WB 209  
*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* WB 210

**SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 11:1-6 Sky Lofty  
**HYMN** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* WB 211

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 1:18-21, Luke 2:1-7 Rollie Kauffman  
**SILENT MEDITATION** *Some Children See Him*  
Hank & Marilyn Rossiter

A time to sit and reflect on God's presence and what it means for God to enter humanity for us. From the song...

*So lay aside each earthly thing, and with your heart  
as offering, come worship now the newborn king, tis  
love that's born tonight.*

#### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 2:8-21 Sandy Miller  
**HYMN** *Angels We Have Heard on High* WB 197

**SCRIPTURE** John 1:1-5, 14 John Shilling  
**HYMN** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* WB 212

**SCRIPTURE** Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Marilyn Kamp  
**HYMN** *To Us A Child of Hope is Born* WB 189

#### **CLOSING AND CANDLE LIGHTING**

**HYMN** *Away in a Manger*

During the singing of *Away in a Manger*, the ushers will light our candles from the middle aisle. As we begin *The First Noel*, WEATHER DEPENDENT, we will exit the front of the building. Once in front of the building we will proclaim God's marvelous works together in song and then we will leave with the joy of sharing and proclaiming God's amazing love.

**(OUTSIDE)**    *The First Noel*  
*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*  
*Joy to the World*  
*Silent Night, Holy Night*

Depart in joy, depositing your candles in the  
box provided on the sidewalk.



**Worship and Song Leader:** Pastor Bill Seymour

**Pianist/Organist:** Marilyn Rossiter

**Cellist:** Allison Seymour

**Greeters:** Nancy Hostetler, Hank Rossiter

**Ushers/Candle Lighting Attendants:** Jan and Rollie Kauffman

**PA System Operator:** Norm Sohar