



Barrington United Methodist Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Wendy Witt, First UMC West Dundee

HYMN #238 (UMH)

Angels We Have Heard on High
Vocal Ensemble

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| (1) Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! | (2) Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! |
| (3) Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! | (4) See him in a manger laid,
whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while our hearts in love we raise.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! |

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Matthew Johnson, Associate Pastor BUMC

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Chris Winkler, Senior Pastor BUMC

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

**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.**

SCRIPTURE

John 1: 1-14

Linda Snyder

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

SERMON

"Handle with Care"

Pastor Matthew Johnson, Associate Pastor BUMC

ANTHEM

Covenant Prayer
Seth Durbin, Brittany Edwards, Jenna Hessel, Alli Panzerella, & Owen Szorc

J. Wesley/A. Robinson/C. Hindman/S. Perrott

INVITATION TO MINISTRY AND BLESSING

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CREDITS:

Sing, We Now of Christmas
Members of the Exaltation Handbell Choir

Traditional French/arr. J. Krug

Organ — Michael Rees

Angels, We Have Heard On High — Bill Bible, Doug Bible, Suzanne Bible, Amy Delamoreaux, Tom Fox, Robin Hladky-Fox
Michael Rees, Gail Rossow, Jim Streed, Sydney Whitley

Covenant Prayer — Seth Durbin, Brittany Edwards, Jenna Hessel, Alli Panzerella, & Owen Szorc

Sing, We Now of Christmas — Jody Antrim, Suzanne Bible, Jeanette Burger, Olivia Jones, Lynn Pampalone, Kathy Pearson

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MUSIC

Throughout the history of God's people, music has served as a means to share and grow communities in faith. In the season of Epiphany we will look for sacred inspiration in the sounds and forms of spiritual music.

Noting the acapella songs and homemade instruments, we will acknowledge that spiritual living asks us to share the gifts we have.

Studying the back-and-forth of call and response songs, we will delve into the roles we play in the community and the world.

And, celebrating its energetic arrangements, we will search for the courage to give Christ our all in our lives, relationships, and communities.

Sunday, January 7
Ballad of the Brown King

Sunday, January 28
Lead and Listen

Sunday, January 14
Love Can Be a Bridge

Sunday, February 4
Give it Your All

Sunday, January 21
Lean Into It

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