

## GETTING ACQUAINTED INFORMATION

**WE'D LIKE TO GET TO KNOW YOU!** If you are visiting with us for the first time, please fill out an orchid CONNECT card from the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate. Let us know if you'd like to be included on our email list.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** may be written on a CONNECT card (Visitors, Members, Friends) and dropped in the offering plate

**INFANT AND CHILD CARE** is available during the service in the nursery, downstairs, for newborns to 3-year old.

**JUNIOR CHURCH** is available after the Children's Moment for children age 4 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

A Handicapped Accessible Restroom is located on this level. Two other restrooms are available downstairs.

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## Ferndale United Methodist Church

117 Ferndale Rd.  
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**Sundays - 8:00am & 10:30am**

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### ALSO MEETING HERE

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Men's NA Fellowship Group  
Monday at 6:30 p.m. Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)  
Monday @ 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous  
Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous  
Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

*Special thanks for tonight's music to:*

Shawna Stepp and Monica Smearman, Song Leaders,  
Alina Antonenko, Piano & Music Director for Ferndale  
UMC, Mike Dye, guitar, and Carisse Phillips, Tuba

*O! Holy Night!*



Stained-glass composition by J. Le Breton (glass studio of Gaudin, Paris), 1933.

**The Christmas ABCs**  
**A Family Gathering for Christmas Eve**

December 24, 2018

# December 24 – Christmas Eve

7:00 pm

## Meditation

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has  
shined." Isaiah 9:2 (NRSV)

## WELCOME

**\*Processional** UMH 227 "The Friendly Beasts"  
verses 1-4, 6

## \*Call to Worship

One: Come and see!

**All: We hear the call of Love, ringing in our ears.**

One: Come and see!

**All: We see the light of stars and candles, leading the way.**

One: Come and see!

**All: We long for a sign, an experience, to know God face to face.**

One: Come and see!

**All: We come, to be part of God's story of Love.**

## Lighting the Advent Wreath

## Worship in Story and Response

### The ABCs of Christmas

UMH 230 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"  
verses 1, 2, 4

"La Loo, La Low"

Choir anthem, by Sandra Howard

**Offering** UMH 219 "What Child is This?"  
verses 1-2

**Doxology** UMH 219 "What Child is This?"  
verse 3

## Prayers of the People

UMH 245 "The First Noel"  
verses 1-2, 4-5

UMH 246 "Joy to the World"  
verses 1-2, 4

## Lighting the Christ Candle

## Sharing the Light

UMH 236 "Silent Night"

**Blessing and Sending Forth** UMH 251 "Go Tell it on the Mountain!"

## *A Poem for Your Christmas Joy*

My home is full of happiness  
My stockings filled with treats  
My Christmas tree has twinkly lights  
Mom's cooking us a feast.  
My church is full of singing  
My heart is full of joy  
My nativity has the last piece  
A little baby boy.

My bible tells me of his life  
My mind is filled with tales  
My prayer is full of thankfulness  
Because on this very day -  
The son of God came down to earth  
To teach us right from wrong,  
And spread forgiveness through the world  
Today true love was born.

And so we celebrate this day  
With presents, trees and lights.  
We play fun games with loved ones  
And eat food that's really nice.  
For this day is the birthday of  
A precious little boy,  
Sent to save the world forever  
Sent to bring us joy.

***This service is over; but OUR service,  
in the name of our ever-surprising God, is just beginning.***

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