



*December 24, 2025 ★ 4:00pm*

*First United Methodist Church, Duluth, MN*

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	Gerald Near
	Velda Graham Bell, organ	
	<i>Mary, Did You Know?</i>	Lowry and Greene
	Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors	

**\* Call to Worship**      *Christmas Eve Affirmation*

**Lighting of the Christ Candle** Andrea, Alex, and Michael Flinner

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\* Carol              *Star-Child*

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O God, you have brought us again to this very special time when we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Let the words of Scripture tell us the old, yet ever new, story. Let the carols take us back to see again the wonder and mystery of your coming. Enable our human minds to comprehend some of the glory of the divine event. In the name of our Savior, we pray. Amen!

**Scripture Readings** Carla Egge and Jeanne Carroll

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace, there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Leader: And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria.

**All:** So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

Leader: Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. So it was that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered.



***Thank you to:***

***ushers:*** Pamela and Tom Brown, and friends

***candle stewards:*** Stacey Fredrickson, Scotty Patterson, Theresa Williams, Marla Yoho

***greeters:*** Marlene and Randy Bowen

***online host:*** Maryjane Burdge

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