Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2025   7:00 p.m.

"While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them." [Luke 2:6-7]

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PRELUDE

WELCOME   Pastor Jeremy

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Joy means finding delight even amidst challenges and struggles in life.
People: Our joy is meant to be full and come from His joy which we find by abiding in Jesus.
Leader: Jesus promises in John 16, "your joy no one will take from you", meaning it's not dependent on circumstances, but on Him.
People: Lord, help us to look to you, the source and wellspring that makes us complete.

*OPENING HYMN   # 240
"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE (Light candle 1)

SCRIPTURE READING   Luke 2:1-21

HYMN   "Angels We Have Heard on High"   # 238

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE (Light candle 2)

SCRIPTURE READING   **Matthew 1:18-25**

HYMN   "O Little Town of Bethlehem"   # 230

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE (Light candle 3)

SCRIPTURE READING   **Isaiah 7:13-17**

HYMN   "Away in a Manger"   # 217

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE (Light candle 4)

SCRIPTURE READING   **Matthew 2:1-12**

SPECIAL MUSIC   "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"   Pastor Jeremy Shank

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (Light Center candle)

MESSAGE   "An Intense Moment in Bethlehem"   Pastor Jeremy Shank

CLOSING HYMN   "O Come, All Ye Faithful"   # 234

SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

*Please turn on your little candle.

POSTLUDE   "Silent Night, Holy Night"   #239

*For those who are able, please stand.

"We Wish You a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year"

We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin.
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Please place your candlesticks in the basket on your way out of the sanctuary.