



The Miracles of Christmas

December 24, 2023

9:00 AM

WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

PRELUDE

Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn Dorothy Fine
REJOICE, REJOICE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Colin Jenei

(Please sign and pass the fellowship pads at the end of the pew)

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (LOVE)

Today we light the candle of love as a reminder that God has loved us from the beginning and today still, God surrounds us with love. This kind of love sustains us through all the generations. May this good news—these threads of love—not only weave deeper connections between neighbors, but shape our actions and allow us to see God more clearly.

(Light all four candles)

In a lonely world, let this light shine bright. Let this light mend brokenness, build bridges and make the love of Jesus clear for all to see.

Thanks be to God for this powerful light. Amen.

MUSIC

We Lift the Light (A sung response.)

***We lift the light of love, O God,
Your candle in our night.
You come to give and help us live
The mighty love of Christ.
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The mighty love of Christ.***

OPENING PRAYER

(Children may now participate in our Sunday School)

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1: 26-38 (NT p. 56-57)

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HOPE AND COURAGE

Colin Jenei

*SONG NO. 133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful (vs. 1,2)* ADESTE FIDELES

HEALING GRACE

SONG NO. 88 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 1)* VENI EMMANUEL

CHURCH, FAMILY, AND PEACE

SONG NO. 124 *Still, Still, Still* STILL, STILL, STILL

LOVE

SONG NO. 129 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (vs.1,2)* ES IST EIN' ROS'

BIRTH, ARRIVAL, ADVENT

SONG NO. 136 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain (vs. 1,3)* GO TELL IT

MICHAEL'S MIRACLES

*SONG NO. 143 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory (vs.1,2)* REGENT SQUARE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light* ERMUNTRE DICH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* GO TELL IT

**Those who are able, please stand.*

**Join us Monday, December 25 for a special Christmas Brunch
at 11 am in Fellowship Hall.**

December 31 Worship Services at 9 am & 11 am.

DECEMBER & JANUARY CALENDAR

December 24 – 9 am & (4) Christmas Eve Services (see schedule for all Worship Services)
December 25 – Christmas Day Brunch at 11 am in Fellowship Hall
December 31 – 9 am & 11 am Worship Services
January 7 – 9 am & 11 am Worship Services - Epiphany and Communion
January 14 – 9 am & 11 am Worship Services
January 15 – MLK DAY OF SERVICE 9 am – 1 pm
January 28 – Jazz Worship Service - 9 am Worship Service Only in Fellowship Hall



WARREN COOPER
Sacred Jazz Ensemble
JANUARY 28
9:00 AM

THOMPSON MEMORIAL
MEMORIAL CHURCH

The poster features a light yellow background with decorative yellow musical notes and a grey abstract shape in the top right corner. The text is centered, with the name 'WARREN COOPER' in a simple font, the title 'Sacred Jazz Ensemble' in a cursive script, and the date and time 'JANUARY 28 9:00 AM' in a clean sans-serif font. The Thompson Memorial logo is in the top right.



MLK DAY OF SERVICE
JANUARY 15, 2024
9:00 AM-1:00 PM

THOMPSON MEMORIAL
MEMORIAL CHURCH

The poster has a white background with a large orange-bordered box on the left containing the title 'MLK DAY OF SERVICE' in bold black letters. Below the box, the date 'JANUARY 15, 2024' and time '9:00 AM-1:00 PM' are listed. On the right side, there is a collage of three black and white photographs: a hand holding a sign that says 'WE HELP', a group of people, and a person helping another. The Thompson Memorial logo is in the bottom right corner.