



Immanuel United Methodist Church

800 North Main Street • Edwardsville, Illinois 62025

December 31, 2023

Order of Worship

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Pastor David Roderick

Call to Worship

Eloise Allen

L: We have welcomed the Christ child and declared the glory of God's salvation that comes to live among us. And yet, still, we wait.

C: We watch and work for God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

L: We prepare to welcome a new year, thankful for how God has brought us through the past year and anxious to discover divine love at work in the world.

C: We watch and work for God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

L: We join generations of Simeons and Annas who learned and taught us how to listen, notice, and discern divine love at work in the world.

C: We watch and work for God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

L: Come, let us worship God, whose love endures from generation to generation, guiding us from one year to the next.

C: Come, let us worship as we live in anticipation of God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Hymn—*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

UM Hymnal #251

Caleb Kelahan

Lyrics Begin on Page 4

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 61:10—62:3 ^{NRSVUE}

Eloise Allen

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my whole being shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. **62** For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn and her salvation like a burning torch. ² The nations shall see your vindication and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³ You shall be a beautiful crown in the hand of the LORD and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Prayer	Pastor David Roderick
Prayer Song — <i>The First Noel</i>	vs. 1, 2, 5 UM Hymnal #245
Today's Message: "While the Beautiful Sing"	Pastor David Roderick
Hymn — <i>There's a Song in the Air</i>	UM Hymnal #249 Caleb Kelahan
Prayer of Thanks	Pastor David Roderick
Benediction	Pastor David Roderick CCLI #2836520

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Preparation for Worship—O Lord, let my New Year's resolution be to follow you more closely and to trust in your loving guidance.

Welcome to worship as we continue to revel in the Christmas season. Friends, we're glad you're here!

Christmas Decorations will be taken down on Monday, January 8th beginning at 9 am. All persons that may have some time are welcomed to come and help.

Tracking Contributions in 2024—We have several ways to track your contributions. Let us know your preference! Monthly contributors can receive 12 giving envelopes with all of our funds printed on them. If you wish to give weekly, and/or to more than one fund, we would recommend that you receive a boxed set of weekly envelopes. Those who wish to give a check or cash on Sunday morning can use a pew envelope that has all of our contribution funds printed on them. All contributors have a giving number that you can write on your check or pew envelope. If you don't know your number, contact the church office.

From the Finance Committee—Thank you for your continued support of our Benevolence giving. We have received additional contributions this month, but still are short of our annual commitment. There is still time to make a contribution for this year. Please thoughtfully consider supporting local ministries and missions around the world through your Benevolence contributions.

Edwardsville Overnight Warming Location! New this winter, an Overnight Warming Location has been established for people to go to when overnight temps are expected to drop to 20° or below. The OWL will be activated from 5:00 pm until 8:30 am at First Baptist Church, 534 St. Louis Street in Edwardsville. You can volunteer to help at bit.ly/volunteerowl; Make a donation at bit.ly/supportowl; Learn more at facebook.com/overnightwarminglocations or contact this team of volunteers at overnightwarminglocations@gmail.com. Any questions can also be directed to our congregation's representative, Nancy Darnell.

Beginner Salsa Class Coming! A salsa class will be taught in our lower level on Thursday evenings, January 4—25, beginning at 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$40 for 4 weeks. No partner needed and LGBTQ+ friendly. Questions? Contact Valerie Barber at 618-696-9973.

Upper Room—The January-February edition of the daily devotional *The Upper Room* can be picked up in the entryway and Hospitality Room.

The Next Friday Food & Fellowship lunch will be served on Friday, January 5 from 11:00 am until 1:30 pm.

Celebrating Birthdays This Week: 12/31—Beverly Schaake; 1/03—Marion Norris; 1/04—Alexander Anderson; 1/05—Lisa Allen, Irene Hodge; 1/09 Imani Sharp

Celebrating Their Anniversary: 1/02—Marc & Shellie Franke

Today's Worship Assistants:

Worship Leader: Eloise Allen
Greeters: Gary & Sharon Koenig
Soundboard: Keith Housewright
Worship Screens: Helen Housewright

Next Week's Worship Assistants:

Worship Leader: Betty Gengler
Greeter: Jill Winte
Soundboard: Matt Lewis
Worship Screens: Kiffon Lewis

Prayer/Praise Ministry (+ indicates weeks—call office to continue another 4 weeks)

- ++ Erika Bailey for her continued cancer battle

- +++ Family of Marlene Van Camp

- ++++ Sherry Buhrmester, for strength and healing
Jerry Prott, Sr., health issues

Calendar for the Week

Sunday, December 31 New Year's Eve	10:00 am	In-Person & Livestream Worship No Children's Sunday School
Monday, January 1 New Year's Day	7:15 pm	Church Office Closed AA in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, January 3	12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bridge Club Rainbow House Adult Group
Thursday, January 4	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	PFLAG at Rainbow House Beginning Salsa Dance Class
Friday, January 5	11:00 am 6:00 pm	Friday Food & Fellowship Bridge Club in Journey's Inn Room
Sunday, January 7	10:00 am 10:00 am	In-Person & Livestream Worship Children's Sunday School

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Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light

Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born

The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed the Savior's birth

Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn

Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born

The First Noel

The first Noel, the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as
they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel

Then entered in those wise men three
Full reverently upon the knee
And offered there in His presence
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel

There's a Song in the Air

There's a song in the air!
There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer
And a baby's low cry!
And the star rains it fire
While the beautiful sing
For the manger of Bethlehem
Cradles a King!

There's a tumult of joy
O'er the wonderful birth
For the virgin's sweet boy
Is the Lord of the earth
Ay! the star rains its fire
While the beautiful sing
For the manger of Bethlehem
Cradles a King!

In the light of that star
Lie the ages impearled
And that song from afar
Has swept over the world
Every hearth is aflame
And the beautiful sing
In the homes of the nations
That Jesus is King!

We rejoice in the light
And we echo the song
That comes down through the night
From the heavenly throng
Ay! we shout to the lovely
Evangel they bring
And we greet in his cradle
Our Savior and King!