

**A Warm Welcome to
Solomon's United Church of Christ**

December 24, 2023 7:30 pm
Rev. Julia L. Brown, Pastor
Church Website: mysolomonsucc.org

**Please stand as you're comfortable*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PROPHECY: *Isaiah 11:1-3; 7:14; 9:6-7*
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

--Ancient Plainsong

THE ANNUNCIATION: *Luke 1:26-33*

***HYMN:** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* *Red # 89*

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)**

O Word made Flesh, you have come into our midst as light and wisdom, desiring to be known to us in our lives and to be found in the world around us. Open our eyes, ears, and hearts to recognize you where you dwell: among us and in one another, lighting the way to truth, peace, and justice. Amen.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS: *Luke 2:1-7*
CAROL: *Away in a Manger* *Red # 93*

THE APPEARANCE TO THE SHEPHERDS: *Luke 2:8-14*
CAROL: *Angels We Have Heard on High* *Red # 90*

THE SHEPHERDS RETURN TO BETHLEHEM: *Luke 2:15-16*
CAROL: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* *Red # 99*

VISIT OF THE MAGI: *Matthew 2:1-2, 9b-11*
CAROL: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* *Red # 94*

SERMON *Rev. Julia L. Brown*

INVITATION AND PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

*This evening's offering will go toward grocery gift cards
for our local Backpack Program families.*

***OFFERING RESPONSE**

*O come, let us adore Him!
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Christ, the Lord!*

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

(insert)

THE LIGHTING OF CANDLES

CAROL:

Silent Night

**Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child,
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in Heavenly peace,
Sleep in Heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly host sing Alleluia
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!**

{During the last verse please raise your candles}

**Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, loves' pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

Pastor: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. May the love of God and the encouragement of the Holy Spirit go with you, and be with you always. Merry Christmas! Amen.