

**Christmas Memorial Poinsettias**

**Given By:**  
Rev. Laura Calos

Thomas Carlisle  
Rosemary Denesha  
Mary DeYear  
The Gianfagna Family  
Brenda Harris

Alvin Hasner

Sandra Johnson  
Jim and Krista Juczak  
Tamara Klock  
Bonnie Peck

Bonnie Lee Persons  
Pam Quimby  
Frank and Joanne Rhode  
Phyllis Sayer's Family  
Jeff and Kathy Sero

David and Barbara Simmons  
Mark and Christine Sutton

Bonny Lee Persons  
David and Barbara Simmons  
Glen and Susan Snell

If you would like to take your poinsettia plant(s) home, you may do so after the Christmas Eve service.

**Christmas Memorial Tree**

**Given By:**  
Anonymous  
Sue Beaman

Mary DeYear  
Sandra Johnson  
Jim and Krista Juczak  
Tamara Klock  
The Lennon Family  
Sue Marino and Tasha McConnell  
Sharon Potter  
Pam Quimby

Jim and Melanie Rafferty  
Jeff and Kathy Sero

Mark Smith

Leon and Margie VanWie

Bina West

**In Memory Of:**

Rev. Philip Schaal  
Rev. Stephan Calos  
Leah Mae Sheldon Carlisle  
Harold and Doris Qeer  
Francis Lunderman  
Our Angels  
Ida and James Parker  
William S. Harris Jr.  
Ellen S. and James Schaffer  
Grandparents  
Mr. and Mrs. George Hasner  
Brother George  
Mrs. Alvin Hasner  
Family and Friends  
Klaus Ebeling  
Dewitt Nichols  
Clarence and Muriel Booth  
Dale Peck  
Richard Persons  
Helen and Bill Quimby  
Pam Shuman  
Phyllis Sayers  
George and Twyla Charles  
Norman Sero  
Leah Mae Carlisle  
Tom Scott  
Clyde and Mary Kay Scott

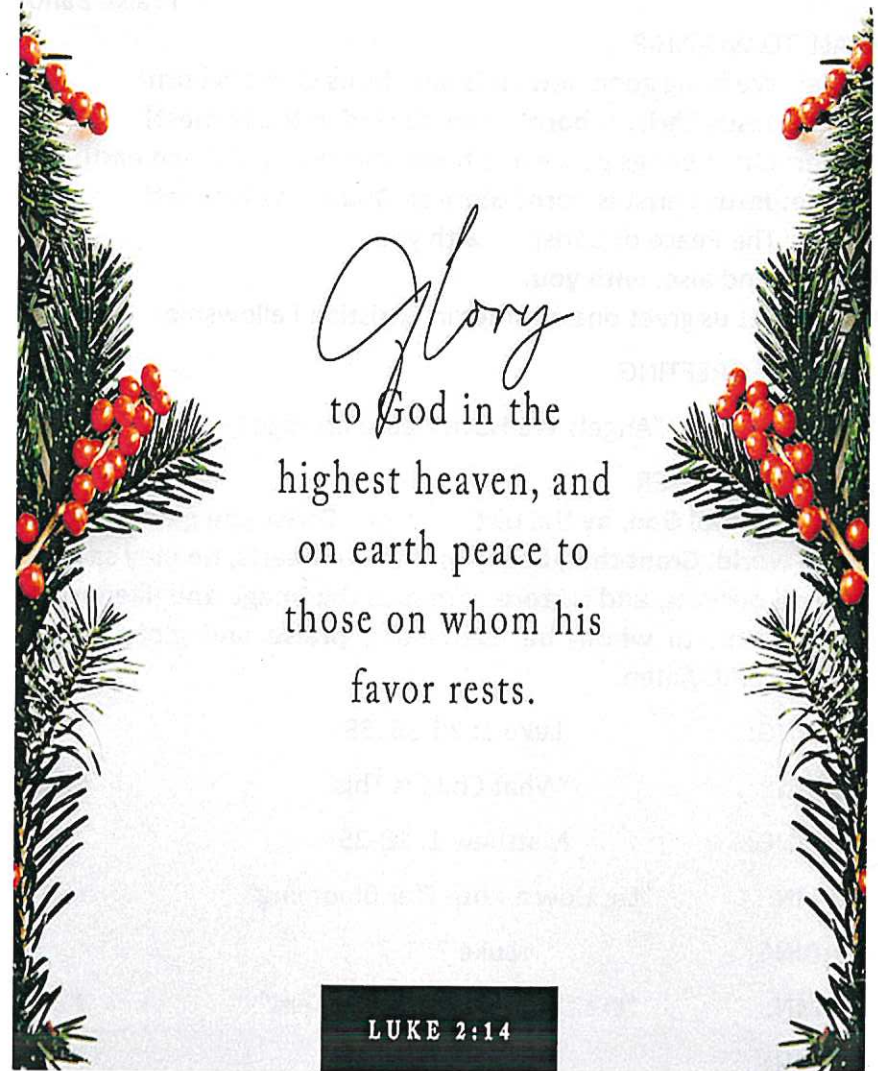
**In Honor Of:**

Gladys Persons  
Thomas Carlisle  
Our Family and Friends

**ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

**DECEMBER 24, 2022**

**7:30 PM**



*Glory*  
to God in the  
highest heaven, and  
on earth peace to  
those on whom his  
favor rests.

LUKE 2:14

# TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 2022

7:30 PM

(\* Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING MUSIC: Carols Praise Band  
PRELUDE: "Celebrate the Child" arr. Stan Pethel  
Praise Band

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We bring good news this day, Jesus Christ is born!

**People: Jesus Christ is born! Glory to God in the highest!**

Leader: Christ brings peace and hope, the love of God on earth!

**People: Jesus Christ is born! Glory to God in the highest!**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also, with you.**

Leader: Let us greet one another in Christian Fellowship.

## \*TIME OF GREETING

\*HYMN: "Angels We Have Heard on High" #238

## \*OPENING PRAYER

**Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world. Grant that, being born in our hearts, he may save us from all our sins, and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator, to whom be everlasting praise and glory, world without end. Amen.**

READING: Luke 1: 26-35, 38

\*HYMN: "What Child Is This" #219

READING: Matthew 1: 18-25

\*HYMN: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" #216

READING: Luke 2: 1-7

\*HYMN: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #230

READING: Luke 2: 8-16

CHOIR ANTHEM: "The First Noel" Andrew Huish

READING: Luke 1: 67-79

MESSAGE: "The Prophecy of Zechariah"

OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "O Holy Night" Adolph Adam  
Michelle Rudd

## \*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye Heavenly Host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**We offer to you, O God, a portion of our wealth, a larger portion of our hands, a full portion of our hearts. Please receive these gifts and bless them. Put all to good use for the work of your kingdom. Amen.**

\*HYMN: "Silent Night, Holy Night" #239

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "A Midnight Clear" arr. Tucker  
Asbury Ringers

Pastor: Rev. Laura Calos

Liturgist: Jane Eastham

Organist: Ghilyana Dordzhieva

Readers: Rev. Toby Schilling, Rev. David Simmons & Rev. Leon VanWie



## Zechariah's Prophecy

<sup>67</sup> And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

<sup>68</sup> "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has visited and redeemed his people  
<sup>69</sup> and has raised up a horn of salvation for us  
in the house of his servant David,  
<sup>70</sup> as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,  
<sup>71</sup> that we should be saved from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us;  
<sup>72</sup> to show the mercy promised to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant,  
<sup>73</sup> the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us  
<sup>74</sup> that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear,  
<sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.  
<sup>76</sup> And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
<sup>77</sup> to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
in the forgiveness of their sins,  
<sup>78</sup> because of the tender mercy of our God,  
whereby the sunrise shall visit us<sup>(a)</sup> from on high  
<sup>79</sup> to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the  
shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace."