

***Christmas Eve Service***  
***December 24, 2021***  
***Ellijay First United Methodist Church***

**The Welcome**

**\* The Ritual of Friendship**

**\* The Chiming of the Hour**

**The Prelude** *arr. by Mark Kellner*  
"Carol of the Bells"

**\* The Hymn of Praise** UMH No. 251  
"Go, Tell it in the Mountain"

**\* The Lighting of the Christ Candle**  
Leader: The time of waiting is over.  
**People: Tonight we celebrate Jesus' birth.**  
Leader: We remember that Jesus is the Light of the world.  
**People: And in that light, we find our hope.**

**The Evening Prayer** Rev. Sam Burcham

**\* The Hymn of Preparation** UMH No. 254  
"We Three Kings"

**The Worship with Tithes and Offerings**

**The Offertory Music** arr. by Lloyd Larson  
"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

**\* The Presentation and 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**

**The Reading of the Scripture** New Testament  
Luke 2:1-20

**A Christmas Story** Dr. John Brantley

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Hymn** UMH No. 246  
"Joy to the World"

**\* The Service of Candle Lighting**

**The Carol** UMH No. 239  
"Silent Night, Holy Night"

**\* The Benediction**

**\* Congregation Standing (as able)**