



**PEOPLE'S CHURCH**  
— of Kalamazoo —

**Christmas Eve Service**  
**December 24, 2024**

**Gathering of Community**

Music for Gathering

Opening Words from *All I Really Want* by Quinn G. Caldwell

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Song 'O Come All Ye Faithful'

John MacLellan

Chalice Lighting  
*If you are lighting a chalice at home, you are encouraged to type in the Zoom chat box 'A chalice is lit in (your neighborhood/city/street).'*

Words: 'This Night of Mystery' by Linda Hart

**No Man's Land**

Ancient Story: Luke 2:1-7 John MacLellan

Song 'O Little Town of Bethlehem' (#246)

Modern Story Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Song 'The First Nowell' (#237)

**Out in the Fields**

Ancient Story: Luke 2:8-16

Song 'Angels We Have Heard on High' (#231)

Modern Story

Song 'O Christmas Tree'

**Wisdom and Gifts**

Ancient Story: Matthew 2:1-12

Song 'We Three Kings of Orient Are' (#259)

Modern Story

Song 'Joy to the World'

Special Collection to Benefit the Minister's Discretionary Fund

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Offertory 'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel' (arr. Krug) People's Ringers

Giving Thanks for All That Sustains Us John MacLellan

*From the countless gifts we each have been given,  
gifts of life and love and sustenance,  
we bring these small portions to share in the works of love  
which none of us can accomplish alone.*

**The Holy Innocents**

Ancient Story: Matthew 2:13-18

Song 'In the Bleak Midwinter' (#241)

Modern Story

Music 'It Came Upon the Midnight Clear' (#244)

**Departing**

Passing the Light

*Tip your unlit candle into the flame of your neighbor's candle flame. Please avoid tipping lit candles.*

Closing Words 'Amazing Peace' by Maya Angelou, adapted

Closing Hymn 'Peace, Peace / Silent Night' (Powell)

Depart in Peace and Quiet