



“There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.”

- John 1:6-7

December 17, 2023

ROLLING HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS
8:30 & 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.**

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THE WORD FOR CHILDREN - Lighting the Candle of Joy

**A candle is burning, a candle of joy,
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.
Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow
As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.**

ANTHEM *"Advent Glory and Joy"* – P. Liebergen Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION April Herron

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY Althea Waites

DOXOLOGY #95

**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.**

SCRIPTURE Phil Gerlach

John 1:6-8, 19-28 John bears witness to the light New Testament, p. 111

SERMON *"You Again!"* Jonathan Chute

HYMN *"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"* #218

**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.**

**For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old,
When with the ever circling years shall come the time foretold
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.**

BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**There's a Spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere:
Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.**

POSTLUDE *"Toccata in F Major"* BUX 157 – Buxtehude Althea Waites

Important year-end note! To have your gifts count toward 2023 please be sure they are received or postmarked by December 31. Thank you for your generosity as we bring this remarkable year to a strong finish.

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 am & 10:00 am

Nursery & Sunday School available
for children

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 pm

Children's Service with Carols and Nativity

8:00 pm

Musical Christmas with 3rd Service Ensemble
Sunday School available for children

10:00 pm

Candlelight, Carols and Communion

New to the Church?

We are grateful that we can worship together. Please use
our digital welcome pad by opening the QR code. Thank you!



Rev. Jonathan Chute, Senior Pastor
Rev. Kristin Sutrave, Youth Ministry Director
Charles Dickerson, III, Music Director
Paula Kuno, 3rd Service Music
Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director
Peggy Roulette, Church Office Administrator
Wade Welch, Treasurer

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