

**Gathering Music**

Joy To The World/ Unspeakable Joy  
Little Drummer Boy

**Praise Band****Ringing of the Bells****Dean Brown**

*We would be grateful if you would fill out the pew pad (with contact information) and let us know you are here this morning. After you have signed in, please pass the pew pad down the aisle. We are so glad you are here!*

**\*Opening Song**

Angels We Have Heard On High  
UMH 238

**Centering Thought**

“Christmas Day is in our grasp, as long as we have hands to clasp! Christmas Day will always be, just as long, as we have we! Welcome Christmas while we stand, heart to heart, and hand in hand!” –Dr. Seuss

**Prayers of the People****Pastor Jo Ann****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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

**Children’s Time: The Very Best Story - EVER****Ministry News****Jan Southard****Prayer of Dedication**

The Love of God is born new in the world as often as we embody that love in the works of compassion, peace and justice. Let us offer our gifts in a spirit of generosity and hope.

**Offering****\*Doxology****Scripture: John 1: 1-14****Joyce Woodward**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among

us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

One: The word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain  
UMH 251

**Message: Sharing - forever and always****Pastor Jo Ann****\*Closing Song**

He Is Born (Il est né)  
UMH 228

**\*Benediction**

*\*Please stand as you are able*

## Ministry News

Whew we did it!! It has been a remarkable Advent/Christmas Season with a potluck and pageant, a Longest Night Service and a few memorial services. All together we were reminded of those most important gifts - relationship with God and one another. Thank you so very much to each of you for your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness.

Pastor Jo Ann and Megan S will spend the coming week with family. We plan to be in the office Thursday to clean and prepare for next Sunday.

Alpha Study - Please sign up on our website at [ridgefieldumc.com/events](http://ridgefieldumc.com/events) and plan to join us as we kick off this new ministry. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Dinner will be provided. Wednesday evenings beginning **January 18**.

Our Trustees are putting on a Spaghetti Feed **January 22** after worship (note change of date) to raise funds for upcoming building projects. Plan to join us for lunch after worship. More info to come.

### A special Thank You to our:

Musicians: Jennifer Bohn-Hodapp, Bob Southard  
Mike Loring, Jon Detchman, and Craig Stockhaus

Children's Ministry Director: Megan Schlegel  
Assistant: Dale Castle  
Nursery: Katelyn Mathis

AV: Billy Yaddof, Meghan Green

Flower Team: Jan Southard, Carolyn Almond,  
Mieko Heriford, Barb Pfeifer, Patti Novak, Cora Brown

All others that help to make Sunday service  
a **joyous** experience.

### Church Staff

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**December 25, 2022**  
**Christmas Day**  
**10:00am**