



CHRISTMAS EVE: "MIRACLE OFFERING" - FOOD BANK

The State College Food Bank has a mission to provide food security, directly or indirectly, to people in Centre County, thus ensuring that no one in Centre County goes hungry regardless of age, race, color, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, creed, or ability. We are committed to making our community a better place through our mission and programs, and our primary focus is to ensure access to healthy and nutritious food for anyone who is in need of our support and assistance.

Leading Worship:

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Wednesday, December

24, 2025

7:00 pm

Welcome to worship at

Mt Nittany Church

People, telling of their interactions and meetings with God, are always amazed; yet telling these stories are often frightening in our inner being.

Giving:

Mt. Nittany UMC.org

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Prelude

Greeting

Advent Celebration

Make this Christmas a night of miracles. Open your heart to the awaiting gift lying in the manger. Open your heart to Him who comes in this holy child. Jesus is much more than an heirloom; his life much more than a memory. For this same child who was born in Bethlehem, grew up, became a man, was crucified on a cross. This child was raised, is alive today, and brings new life to his people every day. This child calls us to be a part of his family.

The Road to Bethlehem **shouts good news, great joy unto us a child is born, mighty God.**

The Road to Bethlehem **shouts Glory to God in the highest. Peace on earth, all is well.**

The Road to Bethlehem **shouts, the Father's Gift of Love to earth has come. Emmanuel, God is now with us.**

The Road to Bethlehem shouts, **"Gloria!" Come and join those who have gathered around the manger, gaze upon this tiny sleeping miracle of holiness, wrapped in humanity. Sing Gloria with angels on this holy night.**

Isaiah 9: 6

6 For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders,
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Lighting Advent Candle & Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful #234 vs.1

Centering Words

Psalm 96: 7-10

7 Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

8 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

9 Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

10 Say among the nations, "The Lord is king!

The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity."

Opening Prayer

Holy Father, We celebrate with you the birth of your son, and together we sing, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" Amen.

***Opening Praise**

It Came upon the Midnight Clear #218
O Come, All Ye Faithful #234 vs. 1,2,4 & 6

Scripture

Luke 2: 1-20

Choir Anthem

When Loved Crossed Over

Children's Message

Message

All Who Heard Were Amazed

Gospel Praise

O Little Town of Bethlehem #230 vs 1 & 3
O Holy Night

***Offertory Response**

Come and See the Glory of the Lord

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

Communion

Candle Lighting

***Closing Praise**

Silent Night, Holy Night #239

***Sending**

Postlude

*You are invited to stand as you are able or willing.

Notes: You are welcome to take notes of the Service

