

Today we come to the end of the Advent Season.

Tomorrow we begin the Christmas Season.

The Twelve Days of Christmas
begin December 25th and finish January 5th.

You're Invited!
to the

Celebration of the Incarnation

Tomorrow Morning
December 25th
10:30am

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North Bend
United Methodist Church
Christmas Eve Candlelight
December 24, 2022
7:00pm

Prelude Morgan Hunkele

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

*Call to Worship

Leader: The people walking in darkness

People: Have seen a great Light!

Leader: On those living in the land of deep
darkness

People: A marvelous Light has dawned!

Leader: That Light shines in the darkness

**People: And the darkness cannot put out the
Light!**

*Hymn #230 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
(verses 1, 3, 4)

*Opening Prayer Unison

**Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave
yourself to the world. We ask tonight that he be
born anew in our hearts to save us from our sins
and restore in us the image of our Creator. To
you be all praise and glory! Amen.**

Musical Special

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

Isaiah 9:6-7

Children's Time

We invite the children to come forward to talk with Pastor Scott

Musical Special

Scripture Reading

New Testament

Matthew 1:18-23

Message

Rev. Dr. Scott Stephans

"Christmas Questions"

Christmas Prayer

*CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY

*Pastor Scott will take the Light of Christ from the Christ
Candle of the Advent Wreath and walk down the center aisle
lighting those candles at the end of the pews. Please pass
your light to the person next to you.*

*Remember the lit candle remains upright, while the unlit
candle is tipped to receive its light.*

*Hymn #239

"Silent Night"
(verses 1, 2, 3)

*Closing Blessing

Postlude

(* indicates places for the congregation to stand (as you are able)