

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Joy to the World the Lord has come!

Ringing of Outdoor Bell @ 7:00 PM

Rev: Jaime Torres

Procession

Lighting of white candle

Bell Choir

Gathering Hymns “Lord I lift your Name on High”

Call to Worship

L. Beloved, on this day/night, we gather to enliven the story once again of God who came to dwell among us as a vulnerable baby.

P: We rejoice in the day that all the earth awaits.

L: We remember the stable, the animals, and the manger that witnessed the arrival of Emmanuel, God with us.

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L: We recall the angels who announced the Messiah’s birth to the shepherds, those most unlikely witnesses of God’s glory.

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L: In our remembering and enlivening, we gather today as people of God’s promise, witnesses to God’s glorious presence among us in the vulnerable, forgotten, and tucked away places of the world.

P: We gather to rejoice in the day that all the earth awaits, the day that has already come and will yet be. Thanks be to God! Amen

FIRST CAROL “Angels from the Realms of Glory” UMC#220

Liturgist: Laura Shaw

All: Prayer of Confession

L: We have waited for a long time for your hope, your joy, your love to shine in the darkness of this world, Almighty God. Even now, at our gathering here, we await you. In our hearts, we still hope that your light will blaze forth, banishing the shadows of this world and guiding all the people back to you.

P. Yet you did not come into this world in a show of power and glory. You did not shine forth for all of creation to behold. A tiny spark – a newborn baby, visible to parents and curious animals. A host of angels – away from the populated areas, singing to migrant workers. A sparkling star – guiding foreigners to see what neighbors could not.

L. Open our hearts, merciful God, the sparks of your presence still in this world. Open our eyes, that we might behold your presence in the least likely of places, and among the least likely of people.

P. God with us, kindle your spark within us, that together we may shine forth your light, we might banish the shadows of this world, we might be the continuation of the Christmas miracle: Emmanuel is in this world, God is with us, now and evermore. Amen.

Pastor: The Lord’s Prayer UMH # 895

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.

Blessing (pastor)

The almighty God bless us with divine grace, Christ give us the joys of everlasting life, and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may King of Angeles bring us all. Amen

OUR APPRECIATION TO:

Rev.
Liturgist
Greeters
Pianist
Adult Education Director
Lay Leader
Videographer
Office Admin

Upcoming Events

Bible and Book Studies

“Disciple 2”

Monday's 10:00 – 12:00 Noon
Laura Shaw facilitating on ZOOM

“January Series”

Beginning January 13th
Tuesday's 1:00 – 3:00pm
Laura Shaw facilitating on ZOOM

Our Mission

Bardsdale United Methodist Church is a loving, caring, Christ centered church, growing in relationship with God, ourselves, and all others.

Our Vision

With God's help we will
Foster personal growth,
Promote participation by all ages,
Embrace new ideas, and
Be more visible and engaged in our community.

December Birthdays

9th Carolyn Diaz

Jaime Torres
Laura Shaw
You
Joy Asenias
Laura Shaw
Susan Johnson
Eric Nelson
Cristina Mendez

BARDSDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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December 24, 2025

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