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## CHRISTMAS EVE AT WESLEY CHURCH

A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

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### Prelude

Home Alone-ish\*\*\*\* (arr. *Joseph Dorsch*)

### Words of Welcome

#### † Call to Worship *(inspired by John 1)*

One: In the scriptures, we read: "In the beginning was the Word...

**Many: ... and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God."**

One: "And the Word became flesh and lived among us."

**Many: Emmanuel – God with us!**

One: God is with us! We are not alone!

**Many: At Christmas, we are not alone!**

One: At the manger, we are not alone!

**Many: In Christ, we are never alone!**

### † Opening Carols

#234 UMH O Come, All Ye Faithful\* (Verses 1-3, & 6)

#220 UMH Angels from the Realms of Glory\* (Verses 1, 2 & 4)

† invites all to stand, if able

EXT. SUBURBAN STREET - EARLY EVENING

KEVIN MCCALLISTER walks on a dimly-lit sidewalk, head drooping. He stops and turns to face a brightly-lit home filled with people celebrating Christmas together. In the background, a choir sings.

CHOIR

*Somewhere in my memory  
Lies the joy of Christmas.  
Living in my memory,  
  
All of the music, all of the magic,  
All of the family home here with me.*

## **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**Scripture** - Luke 1:26-27, 30-31

### **Lighting the First Candle**

**Scripture** - Matthew 1:18-21

### **Lighting the Second Candle**

**Scripture** - Luke 2:1-7

### **Lighting the Third Candle**

**Scripture** - Luke 2:8-14

### **Lighting the Fourth Candle**

**Scripture** - Isaiah 9:6-7

### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

*Sung Response:*

Somewhere In My Memory\*\*\* (arr. A. Snyder)

INT. SCRANTON AIRPORT - CHRISTMAS EVE

KATE McCALLISTER stands at the ticket counter, frustrated by the lack of help from the ticket agent.

KATE McCALLISTER

This is Christmas! The season of perpetual hope!  
And I don't care if I have to get out on your  
runway and hitchhike! If it costs me everything I  
own, if I have to sell my soul to the devil  
himself, I am going to get home to my son.

### **Giving Our Tithes, Offerings and Other Gifts**

This month, our *Power of One* offering will benefit:  
*Bethlehem Emergency Shelter*

### **Offering Music**

Holiday Flight\*\*\* (*J. Williams*)

### **Message**

"The Slightly Unhinged, Pantsuit-Clad '90s Mom"  
*With John 1 & Colossians 1*

### **Musical Response**

Rescue\* (*Lauren Daigle*)

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INT. CHURCH - CHRISTMAS EVE

KEVIN McCALLISTER sits in a pew with OLD MAN MARLEY in the near-empty church as a choir sings.

MARLEY

You can be old for a lot of things. You're never too old to be afraid.

KEVIN

That's true. I was afraid of our basement. It's dark. There's weird stuff down there, and it smells funny. That's sort of thing. It's bothered me for years.

MARLEY

Basements are like that.

KEVIN

I made myself go down to do some laundry... and I found out it's not so bad. I worried about it, but if you **turn on the lights**, it's no big deal.

## **The Candlelighting**

**Message in Music: O Holy Night\***

**Carol #239 UMH Silent Night\***

**† Closing Carol #246 UMH Joy to the World\* (verses 1 & 2)**

**† Closing Carol - Part 2 Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)\***

**† Benediction**

**Postlude Carol of the Bells\*\* (arr. A. Guebert)**

*Merry Christmas &  
Happy New Year*

***WCOF Preschool and the church office will be closed until Monday, January 5th.***

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