

The liturgical color is purple for the first Sunday of Advent		
PRELUDE	“Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring” Amy Bender, organist	J. S. Bach
WELCOME	Jan Robinson, liturgist	
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Beloved, once again, we embark on the Advent path that points us to the coming of Jesus. We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits. We remember the signs and the times that heralded the arrival of the baby Jesus, God Incarnate. We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits. We tell the stories once again as we learn how to discern the signs and the times, watching for glimpses of God’s here-and-not-yet kingdom among us. We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits. Come, let us worship God who shines a light to guide us on the path to peace and flourishing for all creation. Come, let us worship as we journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits. <i>Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2025.</i>	
*OPENING HYMN	“O Little Town of Bethlehem” <i>In this season of Advent, let us prepare for Jesus’ birth by singing Christmas Carols</i>	UMH 230
*PASSING OF THE PEACE		
OPENING PRAYER		
ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING	<i>Hope</i> Sung Response “Light the Advent Candle” Light the Advent candle, one: Now the waiting has begun; We have started on our way, Time to think of Christmas day. Candle, candle burning bright, shining in the cold winter night; Candle, candle burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.	Arnold & Jacqueline Smith TFWS 2090
BAPTISM	<i>Rhys Andrew Wenzel</i> Born September 5, 2025 Child of Virginia & Timothy Wenzel	UMH 39
<i>Children invited to stay with families or to go to Sunday School at this time</i>		
ANTHEM	“Blessed Is the Lord (Benedictus)” Chancel Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist	Dan Forrest

* Congregation invited to stand if able

SCRIPTURE READING	Romans 15:13 CEB, p. 805	
SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS		
SILENT PRAYER		
PASTORAL PRAYER		
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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.	
MENTOR IN MINISTRY		
SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS	<i>As the plates are being passed, please also take this opportunity to sign the Welcome Book and pass it on.</i>	
OFFERTORY	“Who But the Lord”	Craig Courtney
*DOXOLOGY #94	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!	
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
HYMN OF CENTERING	“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”	UMH 211
<i>Hymn History:</i> This hymn is considered an Advent Carol. The original melody was sung by monks in Latin in Europe over a thousand years ago. The hymn references Mary’s discussion with Elizabeth regarding her bearing the Child of God, Luke 1:46-55. This passage in the Bible is known as the Magnificat. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) translated the hymn into English in 1851. Neale was an Anglican Priest who first translated many ancient hymns. The translation we sing today is by Henry Sloan Coffin (1877-1954), a prominent leader in the Presbyterian Church and a president of Union Theological Seminary in New York City		
SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 9:2-7 NIV, p. 489	
MESSAGE	“He Shall Be Called...Wonderful Counselor” Rev. Steve Stultz Costello	

*HYMN OF MISSION "Song of Hope" TFWS 2186

*BENEDICTION

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Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.
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POSTLUDE "Allegro" from Concerto No. 4 Vivaldi/Hopson

Altar Flowers are presented by Norm Brobst
In Loving Memory of wife, Natalie

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- Youth Sunday School
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- Christmas Play Rehearsal

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- Parents' Morning Out
- Carr Journey Groups
- Dale Porter Funeral
- Advent Study Group I

Tuesday, December 2

- Ring Journey Group
- Vick Journey Group
- Young Families Journey Group
- Disciple III
- Advent Journey Group II

Wednesday, December 3

- Knitting Group
- Caring Servant Food Packing
- Gaming Group
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- Youth Min meeting
- SPRC meeting

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Your name(s) and a brief description of your Nativity will be printed in the bulletin - and if there is a special story connected to your Nativity, we’ll include that too! [You’ll be able to take your Nativity home directly after the 11:00 AM traditional service.] Please sign up by Wednesday, Dec. 11 via the Sign-Up Genius on the church website - or advise Chris Fournier that you’re interested. Due to space constraints, slots are limited!

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