

The liturgical color is purple for the fourth Sunday of Advent



PRELUDE	“The First Noel”	arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
	“O Night Divine” Canticle Bell Choir	arr. Sandra Eithun

WELCOME	Chris Fournier, liturgist
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***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Come, all who long for peace in a restless world.
We come seeking the peace that does not fade or fail.
For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.
He shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God.
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of his peace there shall be no end.
In a world of conflict and fear, God gives us peace made flesh.
We open our hearts to Christ, the Prince of Peace.
Let us worship the One who brings light into darkness
and peace into every troubled heart.
Let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN	“Let There Be Peace on Earth”	UMH 431
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***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

OPENING PRAYER
Prince of Peace, we come to you carrying the noise of the world and the unrest of our hearts. Quiet us in your presence. Open us to your light and your peace. As we worship, shape us into people who receive your peace and share it with the world. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Prince of Peace. Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING Sung Response Light the Advent candle four: Think of Joy forever more; Christ child in a stable born, gift of love that Christmas morn. Candle, candle burning bright, shining in the cold winter night; Candle, candle burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.	LOVE	Laurie & Ric Smith
	“Light the Advent Candle”	TFWS 2090

SCRIPTURE READING	Isaiah 9:2-7 NIV, p. 489
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Children invited to stay with families or to go to Sunday School at this time

ANTHEM	“A Light Will Shine!” Chancel Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist	Lloyd Larson
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** Congregation invited to stand if able*

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.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER IN SONG	“Some Children See Him”	Cara Stultz Costello
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MENTOR IN MINISTRY

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
As the plates are being passed, please also take this opportunity to sign the Welcome Book and pass it on.

OFFERTORY	“We Wait for Thee”	Victor C. Johnson
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***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	“What Child Is This”	UMH 219
<i>Hymn History.</i> The words to this carol were written by William C. Dix. He was born in Bristol, England in 1837 and died in Cheddar (yes, it gave us the cheese), England in 1898. He worked as an insurance manager as well as writing hymns. Dix was bedridden with a serious illness for months in his late twenties. He became very depressed during this time. This near death experience brought about a spiritual renewal in Dix. He read the Bible thoroughly and this led him to write this carol about the Nativity He put his words to the traditional English melody, Greensleeves. The origin of the melody is not completely known but it was registered as a song by Richard Jones in 1580 at the London Stationers Company. Dix’s work, though written in 1865, was not published until 1871.		

SCRIPTURE	John 20:19-23 NIV p. 769
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MESSAGE	“He Shall Be Called...Prince of Peace” Rev. Steve Stultz Costello
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*HYMN OF MISSION	“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”	UMH 204
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*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 "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" Wilbur Held

Liturgy and prayers written by Pastor Steve with assistance from ChatGPT

Altar Flowers are presented by Tom Patterson
In Loving Memory of Paula Patterson, wife, mom, and grammie

Yellow Rose presented by the Post Family
In Loving Memory of daughter, Charlene Clayton

*Flower openings on January 18th & 25th.
To order flowers please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485*

Nativity Displays are presented by

Stephanie Lee

Given to me by my son and daughter- in-law

Betsy Iskra

This ceramic set was made for me by my Jewish best friend while she was in Korea .
Her husband was stationed there while in the Army.

Partee Family

One of a kind LEGO built Nativity set which has been modified over the years. No glue. Designed by the Partee family.

Chris Fournier


My parents, the Irishes – well Mom, actually! – were collectors of Lladro figures. This Nativity piece occupied a place of honor in their home.



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Traditional Worship | December 21, 2025

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Weekly Update

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Ushers for Christmas Eve

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Book Club

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Caroling Opportunity

Members of MUMC are invited to carol at Hope Lodge on December 22nd. Hope Lodge is a facility ran by the American Cancer Society where cancer patients and their caregiver can stay for free during their treatments at either the Cleveland Clinic or UH. Interested participants must reach out to Sarah Wade (sarjane2014@gmail.com) to sign up to join. Please note that carolers must be healthy the day of the event. We will leave MUMC at 5:45 PM and carol & visit from 6:30 to 8:00 PM.

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