

December 7, 2025 Second Sunday of Advent 10:30AM

***Those who are able, please stand
WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

WELCOME

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today. We hope the service will be a blessing to you. This is the Second Sunday of Advent. Today we light the Second Candle. The Candle of Peace. Sometimes called the Bethlehem Candle.

The Flowers are given in Memory of Lincoln and Lucy Skiff and Jack and Helen Trevett by the Roger and Sandy Trevett Family

Dec 8, 2025 - Free Lunch Monday 11:00-12:30 w/North Main UMC

Dec 8, 2025 - Bible Study 1:15 PM in Parlor (Study will resume in Jan.)

Dec 14, 2025 - Christmas Caroling in Fellowship Hall w/Cookies and Coffee

Dec 15, 2025 - Monthly Food Distribution

Dec 15, 2025 - Free Lunch Christmas Party in Fellowship Hall

Dec 24, 2025 - Christmas Eve 3:00 and 7:00 Candlelight Service

MUSICAL PRELUDE Infant Holy, Infant Lowly Mavis Baldwin, Pianist

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (In Unison)

We come from a world of darkness, into Christ's world of light. We come from a world of weariness, into God's strength and hope, longing for God's peace. We come with faith and love to share the joy of this Advent season. In God's love and mercy, we are given each new day. May our God make each of us increase and abound in love for one another and peace for all. God's forgiving love has been poured upon each one of us as Christ promises to strengthen our hearts in holiness as we prepare for worship this day. Praise God for the Light in our Life.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: Get ready! The Lord is bringing to us Hope and Peace.

People: How wonderful it is that the Lord is showering us with Peace today.

Leader: Open your hearts and let your spirits be quieted. Be at peace.

People: Peace shall be established in all the world. This peace will be for all creation. Lord, prepare our lives and bring us peace.

Leader: Within each heart, God has placed words of forgiving love and peace.

People: Let us celebrate and be joyful for all that God has done for us.

Leader: The time is coming when the Lord shall pour his most special blessing on the earth and all will be recipients of it.

People: We want to be ready for that time. Make us ready Lord.

Leader: Be ready. Keep your hearts, minds, and spirits open to God's word.

People: Help us, O Lord, to be aware of all of your blessings given to us.

Leader: Come, let us celebrate God's love for us.

People: Prepare us to be people of great faith and compassion as we look forward to this wondrous event you have proclaimed to us. Make our hearts ready to receive your Gift of Peace O Lord. AMEN

The Lighting of the Advent Candle: Ron Holly, Trustee - Today we light two candles- the 1st Candle-the Hope Candle, and the 2nd is Faith and Love, also known as the Bethlehem Candle, as foretold of the Birthplace of the Savior.

Light the Advent Candle vs 2

TFWS 2090

GATHERING SONG "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

UMH 220

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (In Unison)

O Lord, our lives are so filled with chaos and tribulation. We have prepared our homes, and our gifts, Lord, but we need help in preparing our spirits to receive your message of Peace. Help us be ready to receive your message and gift of hope and peace, that we might grow into faithful disciples, serving you by serving others with hope and compassion. Give us grace to heed the warnings and forsake our sins that we might celebrate the commemoration of the nativity and await with joy the coming of the glory of Jesus Christ. AMEN

TIME WITH GOD'S KIDS - SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

(Prayer request forms are available at the back of the sanctuary)

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Jesus, Name above all Names"

TFWS 2071

GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Mary's Boy Child"

Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Today we are reminded that we are called to prepare the way, to be the designers of peace and the producers of kindness you have faith that we will be. As we bring our tithes and offerings to you, we pray that our giving continues to point to the Christ who comes in love and compassion and offers peace. May our giving in this season reflect our faith Lord of new beginnings. We have heard the call and we know that the call is for us to share our love and our faith with others. Accept these gifts we bring today as a token of our desire for peace on earth. Help us to truly be Advent people. Bless these gifts to the use of our church, our community and our world. Amen

SONG OF COMMITMENT “O Come, O Come, Emanuel” UMH 211

SPECIAL PRAYER FOR ADVENT Advent Prayer (in Unison) UMH 201

PSALTER READING Canticle of Mary UMH 199

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostle’s Creed Ecumenical Version UMH 882

GLORIA PATRI *(We use this ancient response to praise God for the Bible)*
UMH 70

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 11:1-10, Epistle Romans 15: 4-13,

Gospel Matthew 3: 1-12

SHARING THE STORY “Same Message, Different Meaning” Pastor Joyce Royal

HOLY COMMUNION

SENDING SONG “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” UMH 218

THE SENDING FORTH

God is bringing light to our darkness. We are called to go into the world, confident in God’s loving presence, to serve others in need. Go, bringing hope and peace to this darkened world. We wait with the assurance that Jesus Christ our Savior will come in power, in justice, and in peace. Go now to be at peace in the arms and love of God, in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen

Worship Reader and Advent Candle Lighting .. Ron Holly, Trustee

MUSICAL POSTLUDE “Let there be Peace on Earth” Mavis Baldwin,
Pianist

Prayer List: Baby Noah, Margaret White, Mike Frederick, Gloria Sutler, Joan Alley, Sandy Marsh, Calae Bonfey, Carol Johnson, Don Rubsham, Cubby Schick, The Baldwin Family, Ivy Patterson, The Sanfords, Don Williams.