

*December 21, 2025*

*8:30 a.m. Traditional Service*

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*



*Worship Services*

Sundays at 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

**Flowers were given by Bev and Allen Kemp in memory of Bev Kemp's mother and father, Elberta and Ken Evans.**



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# Welcome! We are glad you are here worshiping with us!

Visiting today? Stop by the Welcome Center in the Gathering Area so that we can connect with you.

Liturgist: Dave Pellegrini

## Prelude

*"We love because He first loved us."*

1 John 4:19

Sarah Phillips

Pianist, Organist

## Welcoming the Light of Christ

## Welcome

## Lighting the Advent Candle

Karen Loy

## \*Call to Worship

One: In a world full of fear, where do you see the presence of love?

All: We see love all around us. We see love when people hold open the door. We see love in a warm embrace, a homemade casserole, a phone call after a long day. We see love in random acts of kindness and intentional acts of empathy. We see love all around us.

One: You are right. Even in a fearful world, love is all around us. Today we light the candle of love as a reminder of this good news. May this flicker of light help us remember that even in a fearful world, love is here. Love is world-changing. Love is shining bright. We only have to look for it.

All: Thanks be to God for a love like that! Amen.

## \*Hymn of Intention

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

UMH 234

## Children's Message

Rev. Alex Parisher

## Offering and Offertory

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Arr. Gene Grier & Lowell Everson

Chancel Choir

Russ Gartner, Director

## \*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise God, the Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

## \*Prayer of Dedication

## Sharing Stories of God at Work Through Our Celebrations and Concerns

### Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, and *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.

### Special Music

*Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Harmonia Sacra Brass

Written by Michael Praetorius;  
Arranged by Jordan Grigg

### Scripture

Matthew 1:18-25

### Sermon

*When You're Afraid, Give Me Your Hand*

Rev. Thom Kalb

### \*Hymn of Mission

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

UMH 230

### Leaning into Faith

### Benediction

### Following the Light of Christ

### Postlude

*"Do everything in love."*

1 Corinthians 16:14

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\*Please rise in body or spirit and worship.

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Attendance for December 7, 2025	
In Person Worship	Online Worship
Traditional – 176	Traditional - 96
Modern - 73	Modern - 14
Communion – 42	
Total – 291	Total – 110
<b>In Person/Online Total – 401</b>	

We are a Safe Sanctuaries Congregation. All volunteers are trained, and background checked.



Sensory bags and noise reducing headphones available at the Welcome Center.

Hearing loop installed. Please switch your hearing device to "T" - "T-Coil" - "Tele Coil" or consult your audiologist.