

*December 14, 2025*

*8:30 a.m. Traditional Service*

*Third Sunday of Advent*



*Worship Services*

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



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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: John Ferris

## **Prelude**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*  
Arr. Sandra Eithun

Celebration Bells  
Jody Lindower, Director

## **Welcoming the Light of Christ**

## **Welcome**

## **Lighting the Advent Candle**

The Stealey Family

## **\*Call to Worship**

One: In a world full of fear, where do you see glimmers of joy?

**All: We see glimmers of joy in birthday candles and homemade cards. We see joy in the laughter of children and the delight of grandparents. We see joy in meals around the table and in the singing of Christmas songs.**

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

**All: Thanks be to God for that good news! Amen.**

## **\*Hymn of Intention**

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

UMH 240

## **Children's Message**

Rev. Thom Kalb

## **Offering and Offertory**

*Coventry Carol*  
Arr. Sandra Eithun

Celebration Bells  
Jody Lindower, 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.

**\*Hymn of Centering** *What Child is This* UMH 219

**Scripture** Luke 1:26-39

**Sermon** *Even In Our Fear, We Are Called Forward* Rev. Alex Parisher

**\*Hymn of Mission** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* UMH 224

### Leaning into Faith

### Benediction

### Following the Light of Christ

**Postlude** *"The joy of the Lord is your strength."* Sarah Phillips  
Nehemiah 8:10 Pianist, Organist

\*Please rise in body or spirit and worship.

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Attendance for November 30, 2025	
In Person Worship	Online Worship
Traditional – 176	Traditional - 112
Modern - 56	Modern - 20
Communion – 30	
Total – 262	Total – 132
In Person/Online Total – 394	



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