

November 23, 2025

Prelude Acabella - Good King Wenceslaus

Whether you are joining us in person or on-line, know that we are here to journey along with you as you grow in love of God and neighbor, and as a follower of Jesus Christ.

Remembering our Baptism

Mary Freese

*Advent Call to Worship

Sing: O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe.

O Adonia, and leader of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the flames of the bush and gave him the law on Sinai:

Come and with your outstretched arm redeem us.

Sing Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*Hymn Crown Him With Many Crowns UMH 327

*Hymn He Lives UMH 310

First Lesson Colossians 1:11-20 CEB

Word for Children

Second Lesson Luke 1:68-79 CEB

"Bless the Lord God of Israel because he has come to help and has delivered his people. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in his servant David's house, just as he said through the mouths of his holy prophets long ago. He has brought salvation from our enemies and from the power of all those who hate us. He has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and remembered his holy covenant, the solemn pledge he made to our ancestor Abraham. He has granted that we would be rescued from the power of our enemies so that we could serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness in God's eyes, for as long as we live.

You, child, will be called a prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way. You will tell his people how to be saved through the forgiveness of their sins. Because of our God's deep compassion, the dawn from heaven will break upon us, to give light to those who are sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide us on the path of peace."

Message for the Lord's Day Rev. Deborah Coble

*Response To The Word Gloria Patri UMH 70

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Amen.

*Hymn All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (1, 2, 5, 6) UMH 154

Prayers of the People

After each petition, there will be a pause for silent prayer. After Pastor says "Lord in your mercy" ALL reply "hear our prayers."

Together, let us pray for the people of this congregation...

for those who suffer and those in trouble...

for the concerns of this local community...

for the world, its peoples, and its leaders...

for the earth you have given to our care...

for the Church universal; its leaders, its members, and its mission, in communion with the saints...

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.

Mission And Ministry Moment

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ve heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication

Compassionate Shepherd, You do not abandon your flock, even when we wander or divide. You gather us in Christ, our righteousness, and teach us to live in unity, mercy, and peace. As we bring these gifts, may they be signs of our desire to follow your way—offering compassion where there has been hurt, justice where there has been harm, and hope where there has been despair.

Strengthen us to live as people waiting not in fear, but in faith—serving the reign of Christ not just with words, but with lives shaped by generosity and love. In the name of the One who gathers and leads us always. Amen.

*Hymn I Want To Walk as a Child of the Light UMH 206

*Benediction

Life is short and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind,

and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**