

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Pam Barrett	Ellen Graham	Annette McGary	Kathi Parker
Randy Boyer	Tammye Green	Mary Meilcarek-Clark	Keith Reynolds
Paula Davis	Ann Irwin	Mary Neitzke	Harriett Silvey
Henry Durbin	Nell Kirkpatrick	Robert Neitzke	Lucille Thompson

**ROUTINE FACILITY USAGE:**

<u>Sundays:</u> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	<u>Tuesdays</u> 5:30 pm Soccer Practice <b>HIATUS</b> 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<u>Thursdays</u> 5:30 pm Soccer Practice <b>HIATUS</b> 7:30 pm N A
<u>Mondays</u> 5:30 pm Soccer Practice <b>HIATUS</b> 6:00 pm Choir Practice	<u>Wednesdays</u> 10:00 am FUEL 11:00 am Ann's Closet (1st & 3rd) 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm N A	<u>Fridays</u> 6:30 pm Sea Scouts <u>Saturdays</u> 4:00 pm N A

**THIS WEEK at ST. B:**

December 9: Anne Doris Circle Meeting at 10:30 am

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

December 18: BINGO at 10:30 am

December 19: Family Game Night at 6:00 pm

**PLEASE NOTE:**

ATTENTION PLEASE: Today is the LAST DAY to place your order and pay for Christmas Poinsettias. The poinsettias will be purchased and delivered to the church on Wednesday so if you have someone you want to show appreciation for or remember during this Advent Season, please fill out an order form, found at each Sanctuary entrance, and provide payment to Margaret Fisher.

December 24 at 6:00 pm: Please join us as we anticipate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at our annual candlelight service. It's a service filled with hope and peace, hymns and candles. Come and be a part of this beautiful service.

**Upper Room:** Pickup a copy, at either Sanctuary entrance, to guide your daily devotional.

**Attendance:** Please fill out the attendance pad at the end of your pew.



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**All Are Welcome As We Gather To Worship**  
**Second Sunday of Advent / Signs & Stories**  
**December 7, 2025**

PRELUDE *How Great Our Joy* Chancel Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO LIVE IN OUR FAITH Liturgist, Doyle Clark

GREETING:  
L: Beloved, we gather to remember who we are, not who the world tells us to be.  
**P: We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.**  
L: We recall the story of God's people, how God has called us to live in peace and right-  
eousness in a world full of conflict and twisted morality.  
**P: We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.**  
L: We recount the story of our journey with God, the moments of God's provision, God's  
prodding, and God's prophetic guidance.  
**P: We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.**  
L: We gather to repent and return anew to God's story that guides our lives to work for  
peace and flourishing for all God's creation.  
**P: We gather to tell the story of the day that all the earth awaits. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2025

\*HYMN *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* UMH 206

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH See Bulletin Insert

\*GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY See Bulletin Insert

\*HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* UMH 211, Verse 2

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION  
Loving God, be to us as a bulldozer of the spirit. Clear your road in us; clear a path through  
the detritus of possessions and obsessions. Thrust aside our divided aims and devious games.  
Topple the ramparts of pride and the doubts that deride. Make a highway on which Christ

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (con't)  
may come and take possession of the whole territory of our being. To the glory of your name,  
we pray. Amen!  
Written by Bruce Prewer and posted on <http://www.bruceprewer.com>

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 11:1-10  
Word of God for the People of God  
**Thanks be to God**

HYMN *It Came Upon A Midnight Clear* UMH 218

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 3:1-12  
Word of God for the People of God  
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SERMON Rev. Corrie Alexander-Willette

OFFERTORY *I Wonder as I Wander*

\*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER Special Dulcimer Music by Nita Heilman

HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

\*HYMN *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* UMH 203

\*SENDING FORTH

\*POSTLUDE *Let There Be Peace On Earth* UMH 431

Arrangements: Prelude by Camp Kirkland; Offertory by Jason Tonioli  
***\*Please stand as you're able in body or spirit***

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We believe in God, creator and lover of the earth, origin and destiny of us all.

We believe in Jesus the Christ—God coming to us in the fragile promise of a baby yet unborn—who emerges as the herald of hope, God's laughter in the face of despair. Plunged into death and hell, he broke free the captives, and is leading the way to the land of promise where justice and peace will flourish.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who implants the seed of truth, brings us to birth as the body of Christ, and empowers us to confront and transform all that is corrupt, degrading and deceitful.

We believe in the coming reign of God. Announced by the Baptist, it has drawn near to us in Jesus, and will be consummated in the glorious marriage of earth and heaven, when all who have passed through the world's deep sorrow will be raised from the waters, robed in righteousness, and gathered into the joyous fulfilment of God's desire.

For the coming of that day on this day, we work and pray: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

— written by Nathan Nettleton, and posted on his Laughingbird website.

### **CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY**

First Reader: Advent reminds us that we are people who share a story, the story of Jesus, who enacts peace by judging in favor of the poor and deciding with equity for the meek of the earth. We long for the day when "the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them" (Isaiah 11:6).

All: Today, we choose to live the story of peace, believing that true peace comes when we seek the flourishing of all God's creation.

Second Reader: We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to bring Light to the places the world seeks to hide until that day when all creation lives together in harmony and abundance. One: May hope flow forth from here. Amen!

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