

**Faith Church**  
**Order of Worship: 8:30 am Service**  
**December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

**\*Advent Candle Lighting-** Peace (Pam Stimpert, Paul Rinehart, Rita Kyser)

Reader: But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

**People:** Through history, from the dawn of time, you have seen us, O God.

Reader: And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

**People:** You, Jesus, are the good shepherd to all who will listen to your voice.

Reader: And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace.

**People:** In the midst of the wildernesses we face, you comfort us, you are our peace.

Reader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**People:** Hallelujah and Amen.

**\*Scripture Reading-** Matthew 6:25-34

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn-** UM Hymnal #230, *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (all)

**Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**Offering & Offertory**

**\*Doxology and Thanksgiving**

**\*Statement of Faith:** UM Hymnal #880, *The Nicene Creed*

**\*Hymn:** UM Hymnal #218, *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* (all)

**Unison Prayer of Illumination:**

Holy Spirit, open our hearts and minds that, as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen

**Scripture:** Matthew 1:16-25

**Sermon:** "Peace from the Light"

**Communion**

**\*Hymn:** UM Hymnal #220, *Angels from the Realms of Glory* (all)

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**