



your view from the Harbor



THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor, Steve Autrey

We are now just two Sundays away from Christmas, and during these final weeks of Advent, we'll be exploring a short, two-part sermon series titled "**Gabriel: A Story of Two Visitations.**"

This Sunday, we'll spend about ten minutes looking at the angel Gabriel's first appearance in Luke's Gospel, when he meets Zechariah in the Temple ([Luke 1:5–20](#)). His message to the aging priest is stunning and straightforward: "*You will be the father of an important child.*"

On **December 21**, we'll turn to Gabriel's second visit—this time to Mary ([Luke 1:26–38](#)). The message is remarkably similar: "*You will be the mother of a very important child.*"

Same angel. Same announcement. Two very different responses.

Luke places these stories side by side for a reason, and I invite you to reflect on them with me as we approach Christmas.

Questions to ponder as you prepare your heart:

- How does Zechariah respond to Gabriel's message?
- How does Mary respond?
- In what ways are their responses similar, and how do they differ?
- What is the state of each one's heart after Gabriel departs?

Special Notes:

- This Sunday: Our Praise Team will offer their "PRAISEntation" at 9 and 11 a.m. in the FLC. Because the service will include additional music, the sermon will be shorter than usual.
- December 21: One service at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Breakfast with Santa will be offered in the FLC at 9 and 11 a.m.

Blessings,
Pastor Steve

Ongoing Conversations Podcast

Check out the latest conversation between Rev. Steve Autrey and Rev. Paul Thompson.



As we enter into the Advent Season, December's worship schedule will look different. Every Sunday in December will be in various locations at various times. Please see the schedule below:

- December 7th:** Christmas Cantata in **Sanctuary** (at 9:00am/11:00am)
- December 14th:** Christmas PRAISEntation in **FLC** (at 9:00am/11:00am)
- December 21st:** Traditional One Service in **Sanctuary** at 10:00am
- December 24th:** Christmas Eve Services (*below*)
 - 2:00pm: Lightly Blended Service in **Sanctuary**
 - 5:00pm: Acoustic Contemporary Service at **Arbor**
 - 11:00pm: Candlelight Traditional Service in **Sanctuary**
- December 28th:** Traditional One Service in **Sanctuary** at 10:00am

Please make note of the changes in the worship schedule and plan to come together to celebrate the real reason for the season, God's greatest gift to this world: His Son, Jesus Christ!

December 7, 2025 Worship Attendance (Cantata)	
9:00	165
11:00	208
Children	19
Total	392
Average Online Views	60



GIVING REPORT

updated financial news



**GENEROSITY
REPORT**

**Total Received =
\$1,079,924**

**Amount needed by 12/31/25 to meet our
2025 budget = \$362,392**

2025 Ministry Operations Budget = \$1,442,316

For questions about giving, please reach out to
Cameron Wilson at finance@denverumc.org.
We appreciate your generosity and support!

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CALENDAR

we'll see you there!

For information about upcoming events, go to <https://www.denverumc.org/events>

Upcoming Events

12/14 9 & 11am | **PRAISEntation** | worship@denverumc.org

12/14 5pm | **Youth Christmas Party** | youth@denverumc.org

12/18 10am | **Prayer Team** | prayers@denverumc.org

12/21 9 & 11am | **Breakfast With Santa** | kids@denverumc.org

12/21 10am | **One Service in Sanctuary** | worship@denverumc.org

12/21 4pm | **Christmas Caroling** | sara.lee@denverumc.org

12/24 2pm, 5pm, 11pm | **Christmas Eve Services** | worship@denverumc.org

12/24 **Church Office Closed** (through 1/4) | news@denverumc.org

12/28 10am | **One Service in Sanctuary** | worship@denverumc.org

2026 *happy new year*

1/5 10:30am | **Helping Hands Meeting** | helpinghandsdenvernc@gmail.com

1/10 9am | **Sisterhood Event** | outreach@denverumc.org

1/11 10am | **Launch Kickoff** | youth@denverumc.org

1/12 2:30pm | **American Red Cross Blood Drive** | outreach@denverumc.org

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LIFE AT DUMC

things to know, celebrate, & look forward to!

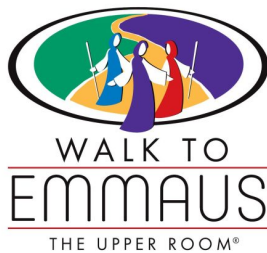


Registration for



Christmas Goodie Bags

'Christmas Goodie Bags' for members who don't get out as much as they used to will be in the HUB from December 7 through December 21. This year we have 19 bags. Please help fill them with cards, candy and goodies. They will be delivered by the Christmas Carolers and the Compassion Crew on December 21.



Walk to Emmaus Christmas Party

The Denver UMC Emmaus Ministry had a wonderful time celebrating the Christmas Season on December 7th. Thank you to David & Amy Washco for hosting the gathering. The Spring Walk dates are April 9-12 (Men) and April 16-19 (Women). If you would like to know more about this ministry, please reach out to anyone in the ministry or contact Wendi Sweet at wendi.sweet@denverumc.org.



DUMC Has a New Website!

A new DUMC website is here! As we make this transition, some links will change and the look may feel a little

denverumc.org has a new look



different — but that's part of the adventure. Our hope is that the new site will be easier to explore and will help you discover all the wonderful ways to connect, grow, and get involved at DUMC. We can't wait for you to see it! Email Beth Bynum with questions at beth.bynum@denverumc.org.



OUTREACH

unleashing compassion

Helping Hands

building community through service

[Email Helping Hands](#)

Helping Hands Update

Find ways to serve our neighbors through the many ministries and partnerships of Helping Hands! Click [here](#) for the December HandUp Newsletter for current needs and opportunities. Contact Helping Hands with questions.



East Lincoln Christian Ministry Food Pantry

The Food Pantry at ELCM needs hams and turkey breasts to give to food-insecure neighbors for their Christmas dinners. They can be dropped off at ELCM Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings from 9:00-11:30 a.m. or at the church office during business hours until December 23rd. Thank you for supporting our neighbors!



Missional Network Christmas Box Deliveries - December 19th

Every year, we provide for, pack, and deliver boxes of food to local families identified through our Missional Network. If you'd like to deliver boxes of joy to these families on Friday December 19th at 10:00 a.m, contact outreach@denverumc.org.



DISCIPLESHIP

Small Groups, Bible Studies, & Connection Groups

Discipleship Opportunities

Email David Washco with any questions!

Sunday Small Group/Sunday School hour is 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

[Email David Washco](#)

Click [HERE](#) for specific **Sunday school classes, weekday Bible studies, Wednesday night, and**

small group offerings with locations and descriptions.



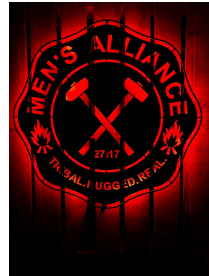
Open Circle

Open Circle is a place for anyone new to Denver UMC who is eager to meet new friends. Led by Pastor Steve and others, we meet every Sunday morning from 10:10 a.m. - 10:50 a.m. in the CORC with coffee and snacks in a casual atmosphere. We'd love to meet you! Contact Belinda Worsham for more information!

[Email Belinda Worsham](#)



Women's Alliance



Men's Alliance

Men's Alliance - Sunday Nights!

Sunday nights | 6:00 p.m. | Rain or Shine
Join us for a rugged workout and real devotion.
For more information, [email Caleb Hendren](#).

Women's Alliance - Wednesday Nights!

Wednesday nights | 7:00 p.m. | Rain or shine
For more information, reach out to Shelby Hobbs at shobbs0623@gmail.com. All women are invited!

[Discipleship Video Series](#)

[Spiritual Gifts Assessment](#)



HARBOR YOUTH

DUMC's 6-12th grade ministry



Harbor Youth Calendar

Click on the calendar for a larger image

[Click to sign up for Harbor Youth updates!](#)

November	December
<p>Nov 22 Rake 'n Run</p> <p>Nov 23 Feed The Hunger & Sunday Funday/Trip to Cookout</p> <p>Nov 23 No Youth (except Cookout)</p> <p>Nov 27 Thanksgiving</p> <p>Nov 30 No Youth</p>	<p>Dec 6 Kids Christmas Party</p> <p>Dec 14 Youth Christmas Party</p> <p>Dec 21 No Youth</p> <p>Dec 21 Breakfast with Santa</p> <p>Dec 21 Christmas Caroling</p> <p>Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services: 2, 5, 11pm</p> <p>Dec 28 No Youth</p>



Sign Up to Help With Sunday Night Meals!
 Dinner is getting a fresh spin to become an elevated concession-style. We'd love for friends & parents to be part of the evening by sponsoring a meal and/or helping run the concession stand. While you're absolutely welcome to, **there is NO cooking required**— you can choose to just serve snacks and drinks, and we'd love if you'd bring along a dessert to share! You can scan the QR or click the button below to sign up to sponsor a youth meal!

Sponsor a Youth Meal

Go to our [website](#) for the 2025/2026 calendar and details on all upcoming events! And follow us on Instagram!

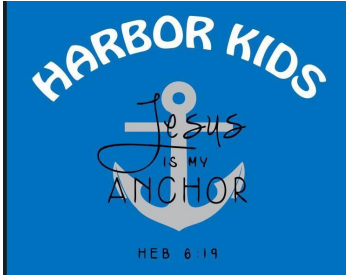
Email Harbor Youth

Follow Harbor Youth on Instagram!



HARBOR KIDS

DUMC's birth - 5th grade ministry



We are committed to helping your child grow in every aspect of their relationship with Jesus Christ and knowledge of His Word. Thank you for your support and prayer!

Harbor Kids is open every Sunday 8:45 a.m. - noon!

We have programs at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. and at 10:00 a.m., join us for hands-on activities to help serve our community!

Follow Harbor Kids on Instagram!

For more information or to register for **Breakfast with Santa**, click on the image or scan the QR code.



**Registration for
Breakfast with Santa
closes December 14!**

Click to sign up for updates from Harbor Kids!

Staff Connections

Click [here](#) to connect with our staff.

Visit our website at www.denverumc.org for the latest information



