

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(*) Please stand as you are able
(UMH) United Methodist Hymnal
(TFWS) The Faith We Sing
(NRSV) New Revised Standard Version

CHIMES

MORNING GREETING

L: Good morning! Christ has invited us here. Live in the hope and peace of God.

PRELUDE

Fanfare on “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (Fey)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

L: May God's Spirit bring wisdom

P: and understanding to all people.

L: May God's Spirit guide and encourage us

P: to love you more and one another. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

I Come with Joy - UMH # 617 (1-5)

*LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

L: We light this candle to help shine the joy of Christ throughout the world.

P: May the joy of Christ shine through us as we share this light with the world. Amen.

*GREETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRIST

ANTHEM

Advent Echo Carol (Beall) - Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jesus Loves the Little Children - On Screen

JOYS & CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

L: Let us pray together ...

A: Almighty God, Your spirit rests upon the shoulders of the Prince of Peace. We behold Your glory in the heavens throughout all generations. May Your righteousness flourish and Your peace abound, that none shall hurt or destroy on all Your holy mountain. In the light of Your radiant love, we pray now and in our silent prayer ...

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer - UMH # 895

CENTERING HYMN

He Came Down - TFWS # 2085 (1- 3)

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:1-12 - NRSV

SERMON

God's Megaphone - Rev. Scott Andrews

OFFERING

L: May the gifts we give this morning reveal the joy we feel as we journey together during this season of Advent.

OFFERTORY

Sussex Carol (Boroughs & Page) - Carillon Handbells

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow - UMH # 94

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Let Us Break Bread Together - UMH # 618 (1-3)

*CLOSING HYMN

Soon and Very Soon - UMH # 706 (1-3)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lift Up Your Heads (Cherwien)

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Liturgist: Ron Koelling

Advent Candle Acolytes: Philip & Gillian Klinkert

Director of Choirs: Anna DeMichele

Organist: James Petri

Pianist: Jamie Dyer

Audio/Visual Tech: Cameron Wilkinson

Student Intern: Sela Taupaki

Preaching: Rev. Scott Andrews

GROW

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, *"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"* Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

~ Matthew 3:1-12 (NRSV) ~

PRAY

- Armistead Family

Rachel Arthur

April Behrendt

Bill Boelter

Diane Bruce

Burkholder Family

Cynthia Ching

Nicole Cummings

Dorothy Dawson

Enzo Fadale

Fairris Family

Mary Ellen Flores

Michael Flowers

Eric Gratton

Constance Green

Carlene Hamm

Michael Hamm

Paige Hardin

Hogan Family

Knox Family

Christine McBride

Monell Family
- Mary Neher

Johnathan Phillips

Judy Reeves

Juanita Richards

Laura Richardson

Robecca Sardar

Sam Sardar

Derrick Smith

Charlie & Sela Taupaki

Ruthanne Trujillo

Dorothy Wallace

David Walker

Jessica Weber

Bruce & Gail Wested

Charlotte White
- All Military Members

All Those Facing War

All Those Facing Fires

LB First Responders

Cal-Pac Leadership

CHUMC Leadership

STUDY

- Monday - Mark 13:1-13

Tuesday - Luke 21:25-36

Wednesday - Revelation 1:1-8

Thursday - John 1:14-18

Friday - Ezekiel 34:11-16

Saturday - Acts 1:1-11

Sunday - Isaiah 35:1-10, Luke 1:47-55, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11



Sunday, December 7, 2025

GOD’S MEGAPHONE

Matthew 3:1-12 (NRSV)

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