

FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 21, 2025

11:00 A.M.

*Please rise as you are able or in your hearts

**Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

**** PRELUDE** People, Look East (Waldrop) Chancel Bells

WELCOME AND WORDS OF COMMUNITY

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Rejoice in the God who fills our hearts with song.

People: We rejoice in the One whose praise echoes in our souls.

Leader: Rejoice, for Christ draws near in joy, peace, and promise.

People: We rejoice in the One whose birth brings hope to the world.

Leader: Rejoice with voices lifted high and hearts full of praise.

People: We rejoice in the One who is Emmanuel—God with us.

ALL: AMEN.

CHORAL RESPONSE

***GATHERING HYMN** It Came Upon the Midnight Clear UMH # 218

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Reader: Today, we come face to face with the scandal of Advent: Mary, the unmarried mother; God Incarnate growing in Mary's womb as a vulnerable baby; Joseph contemplating leaving Mary because of her pregnancy; God's love at work in ways that society and propriety could not understand; God calling Mary and Joseph to faithfulness despite the fear of disgrace.

All: With Mary and Joseph, we choose to wait, watch, and listen for the way of Love instead of responding in fear to the world's judgment.

Reader: We light this candle of love as a sign of our faithfulness as we seek, find, and follow Emmanuel, God with us.

Light Four Candles Of The Advent Wreath

Choir

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING SUNG RESPONSE

Light the Advent candle, four: Think of joy forevermore; Christ Child in a stable born, gift of love that Christmas morn. Candle, candle burning bright, Shining in the cold winter night. Candle, candle burning bright, Fill our hearts with Christmas light.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

PRAYER CHORUS God is so Good Verses 1 and 3 TFWS # 2056

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYERS OF PETITION

After each petition, we enter into the prayer together with these words:

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy,

People: Hear our Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH # 94

CANTATA

The Chancel Choir presents

TIDINGS OF JOY

by Joseph M. Martin

Given in memory of Dr. William Messer by Bertha Messer

Narrator

Mary Beth Wyss

"A Christmas Invitation" -- Sherri Sutter, Solo

"A Festival Gathering of Carols"

"Upon the Wind,

There Comes a Song" -- David Weichel, Solo

"From the Prophet Comes a Promise"

"A Song of Joy" -- Sherri Sutter, Solo

"The Silent Stars Go By" -- Duke & Terry Lunsford, Duet

“Comfort and Joy”
“Glad Tidings of Great Joy”

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Gloria In Excelsis

By R. Peters

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Given by

Judy Gebhart	In Memory of Larry Gebhart.
Amanda Grear	In Honor of Judith Mathes.
Jack & Terri Hoernemann	In Honor of our Fairview Staff, Choir & Trustees.
Pam & Wayne Hounshell	In Memory of Betty Spencer and Jerry Hounshell. Dee and Juanita Hounshell; Bob and Jean Needham.
Doug Kneisly	In Memory of Ellen & our parents.
Lee & Sonia Kreider	In Honor of Fairview UMC.
Sam & Susie Kurtz	In Memory of Dick & Dottie Thomson, Sam's family & Susie's family.
John & Melodie Larsen	In Honor of Clyde and Caroline Beavers. In Memory of Robert Larsen and John & Robert's parents, Harold & Caroline Larsen.
Cecelia M. Long	In Honor of my sisters Roz and Marsha. In Memory my brother Milton.
Duke & Terry Lunsford	In Honor of our children and grandchildren. In Memory of our parents.
Jan Mains	In Memory of Rob Mains. In Memory of Warren & Jan Carrigan.
Shirley McBride	In Honor of my 7 children, 18 grandchildren & 10 great-grandchildren. In Memory of Richard, our parents, my sister & Richard's brothers.

Carol R. McDougle	In Memory of David L. McDougle, Sr., Marie S. Patterson, Mabel McElhanon & Lucille Lett.
Jackie Mergler	In Memory of my parents Phyllis & Monroe Mergler.
Open Door Class	In Honor of Judith Mathes. In Memory of Judith's husband Phil.
Fred Poland	In Honor of the Poland & Shonkwiler families. In Memory of William & Freddie Poland.
Dave & Jane Puderbaugh	In Honor of our children, grandchildren & great- grandchildren. In Memory of our parents, & our son Bryan.
Ed Rapp	In Honor of family and friends. In Memory of family and friends.
Barbara J. Rowlands	In Honor of my sons Michael Zuber & Gregory Zuber.
Kathy Schaefer	In Honor of Fairview Church Family. In Memory of Dick Schaefer.
Dave & MaryBeth Wyss	In Honor of Laura & Matt Parsons, Adam, Cayla, Lilli & Amy Wyss, Haley & Ethan Casto. In Memory of Bud & Bea Wyss, Hal & Missy Wyss, Laura H. Wyss, Bob & Pat Withers, Jack & Patty Withers.

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ACTIVITIES - DEC. 21 - DEC. 28

Today: Virtual Advent Study 4 P.M.
Contact Cecelia Long, 937 972 7045
or cealong48@gmail.com for ZOOM
information.

Monday, December 22

Pantry 9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service 7:00 P.M.

Thursday, December 25

Merry Christmas

Sunday, December 28

Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

Worship Service 11:00 A.M.

Kid's Bible Class 11:00 A.M.



TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS

Worship Leader

Jerry Gribler

Greeter

Mike Zuber

Trustee

Mike Zuber

Kid's Bible

Class Teacher

Jackie Mergler

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

- [Isaiah 63:7-9](#)
- [Psalm 148](#)
- [Hebrews 2:10-18](#)
- [Matthew 2:13-23](#)

RENEWAL HOUR BIBLE STUDY

Renewal Hour Bible Study will resume on January 7, 2026 at 3:30 P.M. on Zoom and in person in the library.

VAN DRIVER FOR DECEMBER 28

Van Request: Greg -- 937-620-1472

To ride the van, you must make your request the day before or you will not be picked up!

PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayer ministry after worship each Sunday. For those who have special prayer requests, please see someone from the Prayer Ministry in the Narthex.

KID'S BIBLE CLASS

Our Kid's Bible Class is a meaningful time where children ages 1-9 learn to listen, and connect with God, through Bible stories, prayer, and fun activities linked to the lesson. After the lesson, they enjoy play that helps them build friendships, practice sharing, and grow in kindness—all in a safe and loving environment led by a Teacher and Attendant.

THANK YOU

To all who sent me cards, texts, prayers and had me in your heart to ease my grief over the death of my beloved husband, Phil, I thank you so very much!

Blessings, Judith Mathes

Church Staff

Pastor Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL, **Administrative Assistant** Carol McDougale,

Director of Music Michelle Forshaw, **Church Musician** Nancy Collins, **Treasurer** Fred Poland, **Audio**

Visual Technician Roger Christian, **Church Custodian** Vance Garner,

Kid's Bible Class Attendant Oscar Ndayisaba

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