

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Christmas Eve service will be held this Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, at 5pm. Please plan to attend and encourage others to come, also. This is truly a beautiful and meaningful service.

**Our website is;**

[www.wnmethodist.org](http://www.wnmethodist.org)

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# THE GIFTS OF Christmas

★ HOPE ★ LOVE ★ JOY ★ PEACE



**West Newton Methodist Church**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**December 21, 2025**

# Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call To Worship Sheila Lowanse

L: This is the fourth Sunday of Advent, a time to rejoice in the wondrous things that God is doing.

**P: Our hearts are filled with the hope that is coming into the world.**

L: The time is fast approaching, not for parties or presence, but for the awareness of God's loving gift to us--the gift of the Christ child.

**P: Help slow us down, Lord, that we may realize that your gift of love is at the center of our lives and our celebrations.**

L: Thanks be to God who again reminds us of His eternal love.

**P: Open our hearts, O Lord, to receive your blessed gift.  
AMEN.**

\*Opening Prayer (in unison)

**Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn      “Love Came Down at Christmas”      #242

Musical Offering	"Infant Holy"	Bell Choir
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Lighting of the Advent Candles      Logan & Samantha Lowanse

\*The Nicene Creed #880

\*The Gloria Patri #70

Old Testament Reading      Isaiah 7:10-16      Sheila Lowanse

Joys and Concerns  
The Prayers of Intercession  
The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Jesse

The Holy Gospel      Matthew 1:18-25      Sheila Lowanse

Praise Song	Praise Team
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Sermon Pastor Jesse

## Worshipping God through our Giving

\*Offering

\*Advent Doxology      \*On Screen

\*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

**Gracious God, we remember that we are called to belong to you. As we offer our gifts, we dedicate them to your service and the spread of your good news. May our lives reflect the grace and peace that we are about to receive again through the birth of Baby Jesus. Strengthen us to live lives of faithfulness and to use these offerings for impact across the global community. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn “When Christmas Morn is Dawning” #246

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

Offering for December 7 – \$1,065

## Church Calendar

Today – The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service; 5pm

December 28 – The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas