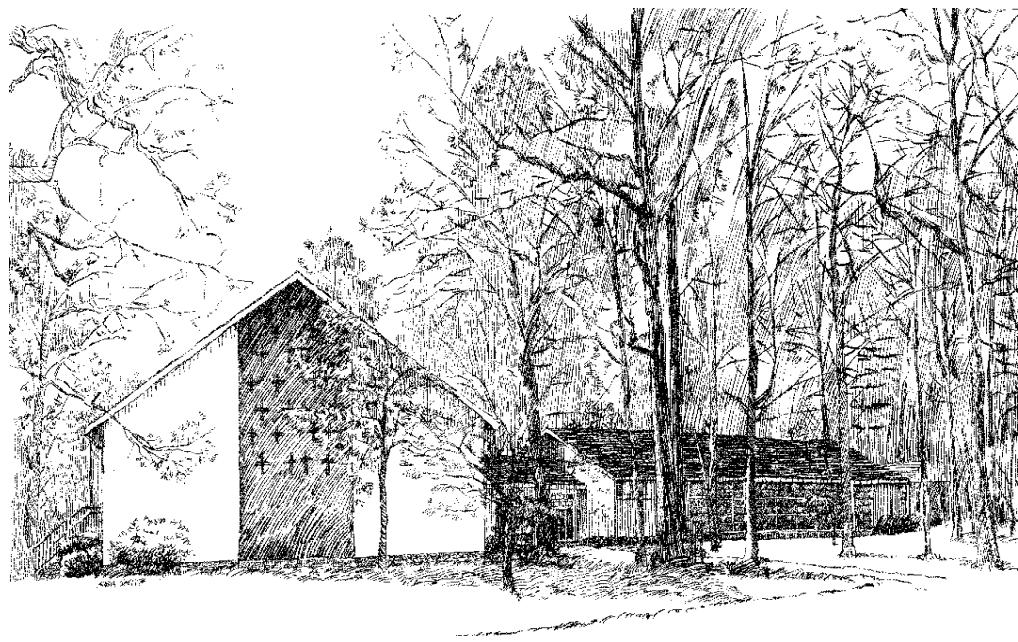


NORRIS RELIGIOUS FELLOWSHIP

AN INTERDENOMINATIONAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

NORRIS, TENNESSEE



DECEMBER 28, 2025

DR. BILL IRELAND

IN THINGS AGREED UPON UNITY,

IN OTHER THINGS LIBERTY,

IN ALL THINGS THE WILL TO BE ONE.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Prayers For wellness in our community. For Mary Shelton, Linda Tafelski, Carolyn Stribling, Howard Helton, Wendy Hall, Karoline Berg, and Lois Wolfe. For those recovering from natural disasters, Ukraine, Gaza, all refugees, all elected officials, peacekeepers, change agents, the ICCC, and our fellowship community.

Prayer Table & Offering: Our Prayer Table gives us the opportunity to sign a notecard for someone who is in special need of prayer. We also place our offering plate on the Prayer Table because all of our gifts to God are prayerful offerings. We understand spirits nudge can come when we least expect it. To make giving simple and safe, you will find the QR code on the prayer table is an easy link to paypal account, NorrisRF.

Bond If you have items you would like published in the Bond, please email them to the Church office at norrisrf@comcast.net.

*Call to Worship

One: Glory to God!

Many: We gather to sing our joy, for Jesus is born once more!

One: With all our brothers and sisters around the world, we celebrate the Good News:

Many: “Fear not! Emmanuel is God-with-us.“

ALL: So let us worship God!

A Medley of Hymns

“Joy to the World ” (Red Hymnal, p. 195)

1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:
let men their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (Red Hymnal, p. 203)

1 Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel. [Refrain]

3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth. [Refrain]

Morning Psalm: 148

Pastoral prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Sermon: “Wise Worship” Dr. Bill Ireland
Matthew 2:11-12

***Hymn: “We Three Kings” (See insert)**

1 We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign. [Refrain]

3 Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship Him, God on high. [Refrain]

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone cold tomb. [Refrain]

5 Glorious now behold Him rise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Peals thru the earth and skies. [Refrain]

Benediction

***The Irish Blessing**

**May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind blow at your back.
May the sun shine warmly on your face,
May the rain fall softly on your field.
And until we meet again,
Til' we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.**

Postlude