



December 14, 2025

10 am Worship

Third Sunday of Advent - JOY

**Message:
Seek God's Face!**

**Scripture:
2 Chronicles 7: 11-16 NIV**



Our Mission

*The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

**Opening Prayer (unison)*

O God, whose will is justice for the poor and peace for the afflicted, let your herald's urgent voice pierce our hardened hearts, and announce the dawn of your kingdom. Before the Advent of the One who baptizes with the fire of the Holy Spirit, let our complacency give way to conversion, oppression to justice, and conflict to acceptance of one another in Christ. We ask this through the One whose coming is certain, whose day draws near: your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one, God, forever and ever. Amen.

**Call to Worship (responsive)*

Pastor: Come, joy,

All: Lighten our spirits.

Pastor: Come, hope,

All: Lift us from despair.

Pastor: Come, peace,

All: Ease our frantic worry.

Pastor: Come, love,

All: Shine in all we do.

Pastor: Come, Jesus,

All: Be born in us.

Pastor: Come, Lord,

All: Set us free.

Pastor: Come, God,

All: Rule in our hearts and teach us to sing with joy!

Reception of New Member by Profession of Faith Carly Melani

Sacrament of Baptism

~ Angelo Francis Melani, son of Dominic and Carly Melani

Godparents ~ Jessica Myers and Brian Zielger

* Please rise in body or spirit.



Lighting of The Advent Wreath - Joy Judy Hreha and Patti Zapf

* **Hymn of Praise** The First Noel #245

Children's Message

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology** **Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow #95**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Our Time of Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn of Praise** *Glory be to the Father #70*

Scripture 2 Chronicles 7: 11-16 NIV

¹¹When Solomon had finished the temple of the Lord and the royal palace, and had succeeded in carrying out all he had in mind to do in the temple of the Lord and in his own palace, ¹²the Lord appeared to him at night and said:

"I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a temple for sacrifices.

¹³"When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, ¹⁴if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. ¹⁵Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. ¹⁶I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.

Message Seek God's Face!

Pastor Don Kephart

* **Song of Dedication** Mary Did You Know

Benediction

Worship for today is over, but your service to God for the week is just beginning.

*weekly
schedule*

All are welcome!
Please contact the office for more information.

Sunday 10 am	Worship
Sunday 11 am (Prayer Room)	Prayer Meeting
Monday 9:30 am (Fellowship Hall)	Tai Chi
Monday 6:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)	Cub Scouts
Monday 7pm (4 th Fl Annex Hall)	Boy Scouts
Tuesday 10 am (Fellowship Hall)	Line Dancers
Tuesday 7 pm (Fellowship Hall)	Just Recovery
Thursday 6:30 pm	Worship
Friday 10 am (Fellowship Hall)	Line Dancers
Saturday (8th Avenue Place)	Homeless Ministry (1 st and 3 rd Saturdays 8:30 am)



Today Sunday 12/14/25 Fellowship Meal - Bring your favorite potluck and join us for carols around the table! (following worship)







Wednesday 12/24/25 7pm Christmas Eve candlelight service

*Please note that the lyric videos may differ slightly from the hymnal.
We invite you to follow along with the video and enjoy the music.*

A Note from Pastor Don

Members and Friends, Please contact me directly by cell phone text or email if you need to speak with me. My contact information is located in the bulletin as well as on the business cards in the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you.

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Holy Communion Schedule

Holy Communion will be held on the first Sunday of February, June, August, October, and December, as well as on Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday.