

Upcoming Events:

- Sat Dec. 6 Youth Program, Progressive Dinner, 4:00-8:30
- Sun. Dec. 7 Friendly Neighborhood Big Band Concert, 3PM
- Sat. Dec. 13 Christmas Extravaganza 3-5PM
- Thu. Dec. 11 Children's Center Christmas Program 6PM
- Wed. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service, 4:00PM
- Mon. Dec. 29 People's Kitchen Food Prep 1:30, Kitchen
- Tues. Dec. 30 People's Kitchen Food Distribution 11AM carpool from church

Assisting in today's service Pastor: Rev. Wesley Thompson,
Liturgist: Michelle Richardson, **Piano/Keyboard:** Dennis Eiler, **Choir Director:** Tricia Stewart, **Sound Tech:** Adrian Paredes, **Video Tech:** Susan Thronson,
Flutist: Charlotte Belyea

HOSPITALITY: Today hosted by United Women of Faith
 December 27th will be hosted by Endowment/ELT

<i>ATTENDANCE</i>						
<i>WEEK</i>	<i>8:30</i>	<i>10:30</i>	<i>IN- PERSON</i>	<i>VIDEO</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>STEWARDSHIP</i>
<i>Nov 02</i>	46	83	129	37	166	\$8,966
<i>Nov 09</i>	44	73	117	47	164	\$14,261
<i>Nov 16</i>	51	82	133	40	173	\$2,356
<i>Nov 23</i>	52	73	125		125	\$5,815
Weekly Needed: \$7,175						
YTD Received: \$136,468			YTD Needed \$150,298			
THANKSGIVING RECEIVED \$2,488			THANKSGIVING BUDGET \$3,000			



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November 30, 2025

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30 am

PRELUDE "My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness" Getty/Townend

INTROIT "We are Marching" TFWS #2235-b

CALL TO WORSHIP*
Beloved, once again, we embark on the Advent path that points us to the coming of Jesus.
We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.
We remember the signs and the times that heralded the arrival of the baby Jesus, God Incarnate.
We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.
We tell the stories once again as we learn how to discern the signs and the times, watching for glimpses of God's here-and-not-yet kingdom among us.
We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.
Come, let us worship God who shines a light to guide us on the path to peace and flourishing for all creation.
Come, let us worship as we journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

OPENING HYMN* "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" No. 196

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious God, in as much as we have chosen our own ways over Yours, forgive us.
In as much as we have thought there was another way, forgive us.**

**In as much as we chose Christmas but wanted to skip the hard yards of Advent,
forgive us. In as much as we have opted for crowns instead of crosses and
mansions instead of mangers, forgive us we pray.**

**Transform us by Your Spirit that this Advent might become a season for re-setting,
a time for opening our hearts and making room for You as if for the first time.**

**Servant King, the door is open. There is room in our hearts.
These are our prayers and are offered in Christ's name, AMEN.
we wait and listen for the Word of God for us today.
Amen.**

ADVENT CANDLES AND THE COLLECT:

Advent IV: Branch of Jesse

ADVENT SONG O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Branch of Jesse verse)

O come, Thou Branch of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Sovereign God, Lord Christ.

Hear us, we pray.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MOMENT

Maria Humane

We invite all children and youth to participate in this intergenerational time of learning
about Jesus

**O God, we thank you for blessing us with the gift of children.
May they learn the stories of Jesus. May we share their joy. Amen.**

A TIME OF PRAYER

Call to Prayer “Open Our Eyes , Lord ” TFWS# 2086

Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Response “Open Our Eyes , Lord ” TFWS# 2086

CHOIR ANTHEM

“How Will We Know”

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 24:36-44

HYMN

“There is something about that Name” No. 171

SERMON

When we least Expect it

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission

Offertory “I Found A Friend In Jesus” George Stebbins

Doxology/Prayer of Dedication*

CLOSING HYMN*

“I know Whom I have believed” No. 714

BENEDICTION*

**May we as Advent people, go from this place in the blessing of God who journeys
with us, guiding our path as we wait, watch, and work for the day when we beat
swords into plowshares and follow the path of peace until God’s kingdom comes on
earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

RESPONSE*

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POSTLUDE

“Here I Am, Lord” Dan Schutte

***Please stand as able**

Bold - Congregational Reading

Matthew 24:36-44

36 “No one knows, however, when that day and hour will come—neither the angels in
heaven nor the Son; the Father alone knows. **37** The coming of the Son of Man will be like
what happened in the time of Noah. **38** In the days before the flood people ate and
drank, men and women married, up to the very day Noah went into the boat; **39** yet they
did not realize what was happening until the flood came and swept them all away. That
is how it will be when the Son of Man comes. **40** At that time two men will be working in a
field: one will be taken away, the other will be left behind. **41** Two women will be at a mill
grinding meal: one will be taken away, the other will be left behind. **42** Watch out, then,
because you do not know what day your Lord will come. **43** If the owner of a house knew
the time when the thief would come, you can be sure that he would stay awake and not
let the thief break into his house. **44** So then, you also must always be ready, because
the Son of Man will come at an hour when you are not expecting him.