

St. Paul's United Methodist Church,
December 21, 2025

** means rise as the Spirit moves you.*

Bold is said/sung together

Prelude

Greeting

Welcome Home!

Lighting of the Advent Candle

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

The Faith We Sing #2090

*UM Hymnal #219

Announcements

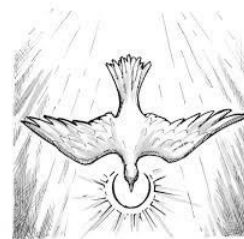
Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

“Advent Song”

“What Child is This”



The Lords Prayer

Our Father Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom Come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from Evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever. Amen



*Time of Giving & Sign of Peace

*If the Spirit moves you to give from your heart;
please use the box in the back of the Sanctuary.*

*Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Time

Scripture

Matthew 1: 18-25

*UM Hymnal # 242 **“Love Came Down at Christmas”**

Message:

*UM Hymnal # 206 **“I Want to Walk as a Child of Light”**

*Blessing and Sending Forth

Postlude



You may leave at anytime **during or after the postlude as the Spirit moves you
Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Hutching's Room.**

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10:30 AM Sunday Service

Announcements

- ⇒ We are looking for a few volunteers to sit in the office during the week from 9-1 Wed-Fri. Please see Pastor Dave if you can help.
- ⇒ Please remember to sign up for Fellowship, Ushering, or Reading if the Spirit moves you. (*sheets are on the bulletin board*)
- ⇒ If you have a mission or ministry Idea talk to pastor Dave
- ⇒ Veterans Conversation and Lunch 3rd Thursday of the month
- ⇒ Christmas Eve service 6pm
- ⇒ Bible study resumes Monday, January 5th 10-11am

Pastor and Church Office Hours:

Monday 9-1

Tuesday 10-1

Wednesday 9-1

Other times by Appointment

Please call the office to verify that Pastor Dave is available