

McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church

Sanctuary Worship: November 30, 2025

Call to Worship

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 140 - Johann Sebastian Bach Stephen Wurst, organ

Welcome

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*Hymn # 196

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Dramatic Scripture Reading/Advent Candle Lighting

Anastasia White - Mary; Manny Tijerina - Gabriel

The Annunciation - Luke 1:26-38

About the Advent Wreath: Advent (to arrive) names the four Sundays before Christmas when we anticipate a fuller realization of the coming of Christ among us once again. The four exterior candles represent the gifts of God's grace made clear in the arrival of Jesus: joy, hope, peace and love. The central candle represents the presence of Christ. Each of the four Sundays of Advent, one more exterior candle is lit. Finally, the Christ candle is lit on Christmas Eve as a reminder of Christ's ongoing presence.

Response # 211

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (refrain)

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

(11:00) Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Teagan Faith Shaw, daughter of Matt & Melissa Shaw

(11:00) Baptismal Response # 605 Wash, O God, our Sons and Daughters, vs. 1



Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Wendi Neal

Children's Time

Leslie Long

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;**

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

*Children's worship for grades K-5 will dismiss following the children's message at the 11:00 service.
Parents, please pick your children up in the 3rd floor children's area following the service.*

***Hymn # 215**

To a Maid Engaged to Joseph

Invitation to Our Offering

8:30 Wendi Neal; 11:00 Scott Meier

Anthem

(8:30) Ave Maria - Franz Schubert
(Blessed are you among women, Mary.)

Emma Hatfield, soloist

(11:00) Ave, Ave, The Angel Sang - Robert Lau
*(O lowly maiden, O blessed woman, you have been chosen to bring us the king.
Peace be with you, O fairest holy one, Mary, mother, child of God.
Ave, ave, ave Maria. Ave, ave the angels sang.
Ave, ave, ave Maria. Ave, ave the angels sang.
Fair one so gentle, filled with the Spirit, you will bear Jesus, the savior for all.
Don't be afraid now, God's love surrounds you, Mary, mother, child of God.*

Chancel Choir

*What will you him, O lovely maiden? Rulers and nations will bow at his name.
Let all creation give thanks for the holy: Jesus, Savior, child of God.*

***Doxology # 94**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Sermon

Prepare the Way: Behold! How God Creatively Prepares Us for Challenge and Change
Luke 1:26-38

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Invitation to Christian Discipleship

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***Hymn # 211**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, vs. 1-4

Reception of New Members

**We welcome you to this congregation and with you we renew our vows to uphold the church
with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.**

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***Benediction # 211**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, vs. 7
**O come, Desire of Nations bind all people in one heart and mind.
From dust thou brought us forth to life; deliver us from earthly strife.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Postlude

The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came - Toccata - Kevin Sadowski

Stephen Wurst, organ

Dr. Stephen Wurst, Dir. of Music Ministries and Organist

Dr. Giovanni Corrodus, Assoc. Dir. of Music Ministries and Director of Choirs

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