

McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church
Sanctuary Worship: December 21, 2025

Call to Worship

Of the Father's Love Begotten - Wilbur Held

Stephen Wurst, organ

Welcome

Wendi Neal

***Hymn # 250**

Once in Royal David's City

Dramatic Scripture Reading/Advent Candle Lighting

John's Preaching Luke 3:1-6

Cadence Gates – Narrator/John

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

Cohan William Moran, son of Nathan & Tiffany Moran

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



Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Rockford Johnson

Children's Time

Rebekah Small

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.

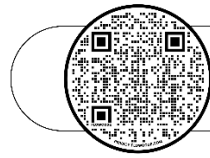
*Children's worship for grades K-5 will dismiss following the children's message at the 11:00 service.
Parents, please pick your children up in the 3rd floor children's area following the service.*

***Hymn # 242**

Love Came Down at Christmas

***Invitation to Our Offering**

8:30 Rockford Johnson; 11:00 Rebekah Small



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Anthem

Christ is Born! - music by Mark A. Miller; text by Christina Rosetti & Mark A. Miller
Daphne Fix and Stephanie O'Hara with Libby Waldenville, flute

Refrain: Alleluia, Christ is born.

*Love came down at Christmas time, love all lovely, love divine,
love was born at Christmas time, star and angels gave the sign. (refrain)*

*Love shall be our token, love be yours and love be mine,
love to God and neighbor, love for plea and gift and sign. (refrain)*

***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

What Are We Waiting For?

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Invitation to Christian Discipleship

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***Hymn # 202**

People, Look East

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.**

***Sending Forth**

Wendi Neal

***Benediction # 202**

People, Look East

People look east and sing today: Love, the Lord is on the way

Postlude

Grand Fantasia on "Joy to the World" - Marc Cheban

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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