

Classic Worship at 9:00 am

PRELUDE Dr. Ann Behrens
Pastoral Symphony G. F. Handel
In Thee Is Gladness Max Drischner
Prepare the Royal Highway Robert Hobby

WELCOME

INTROIT
Your Little Ones, Dear Lord Johann Schulz

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

In a world full of fear, where do you see glimmers of joy?

I see glimmers of joy in birthday candles and homemade cards. I see joy in the laughter of children and the delight of grandparents. I see joy in meals around the table and in the singing of Christmas songs.

You are right. Even in a fearful world, joy is all around us.

Today we light the candle of joy as a reminder of this good news. May this flicker of light help us remember that even in a fearful world, joy is here. Joy is real.

We only have to look for it.

Thanks be to God for that good news! Amen.

***HYMN # 234** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM

Ukrainian Bell Carol
Mycola Leontovyeh, arr. Linda Scholes

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 1: 4-10
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM
Advent Processional Anna Laura Page

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1: 26-39
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE Rev. Rachel Stockle
"Even in Our Fear, We Are Called Forward"

***HYMN # 246** *Joy to the World*

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY
Oh, Come, Emmanuel Wilbur Held

***DOXOLOGY #94**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

***HYMN # 251** *Go, Tell it on the Mountain*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**
On This Day, Earth Shall Ring! Phil Lehenbauer

*Resources adapted from Sarah Are
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Connection Worship at 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME

WELCOME SONG *Joy to the World /Hallelujah*

VIDEO *ADVENT IS JOY*

A TIME OF PRAYER

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SONG *CIRCLE OF LOVE*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

SONG *CIRCLE OF LOVE*

OFFERTORY

A READING "Refugees" Joshua Lepper

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM "Signs of Christmas"

Our readers today are Gospel Messan, Elise Andrews, Everly Gittings, Phoebe Fierge, Elise Lindgren, Lincoln Gittings, and Ezra Gittings

Our musicians today are Grace Messan, Gospel Messan, Glory Messan, Ezra Gittings, Everly Gittings, and Samuel Lepper.

BENEDICTION

Flowers are provided by Dr. Lee and Lollie Johnson in honor of Lee, Timothy, and Zoe.

The people of this church are missionaries in the city.

The staff members are:

Rev. Rachel Stockle, Directing Pastor
Rev. Annelle Ruemmler, Associate Pastor
& Director of Praise Team
Dr. Ann Behrens, Music Coordinator, Organist, and
Chancel Choir Director
Jean Murray, Handbell Choir Director
Sara Bange, Bright Start Preschool Director
Christina Kaufman, Communications/Admin. Assistant
Ian Mehaffy, Finance Manager
Stephanie Alvord, Nursery Attendant
Glory Messan & Brianna Graham A/V Tech
Rob Davis, Custodian

9 am Greeters – Jim Worrell

9 am Ushers – Dave Lewis & Dave Brown

11 am Greeters –

11 am Ushers – Dikki Andrews

Gathering Place Host – Alan & Judy VanDeBoe

Don't Forget!

- Brunch – 10 am
- Blue Christmas, Tonight at 5pm @ Union UMC
- Advent Study, Wed at 5pm
- December 17th @ 10 am – UWF Meeting
- Christmas Eve Services 5:00 pm & 10:30 pm
- December 28th one service at 10 am

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SUNDAY, December 14th

Third Sunday of Advent

9 am – Classic Worship Service

10 am – Brunch

11 am – Children's Christmas Service

5:00 pm – Blue Christmas at Union UMC

MONDAY, December 15th

9 am – Care Team

6 pm – Building & Grounds

TUESDAY, December 16th

9 am – Quilters

WEDNESDAY, December 17th

10 am – UWF Meeting

4:45 pm - Praise Team

5 pm – Advent Study

6 pm – Bell Choir

7 pm – Chancel Choir

SUNDAY, December 21st

Forth Sunday of Advent

9 am – Classic Worship Service

10 :15 am – Sunday School

11 am – Connection Worship Service

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