

May grace meet you here . . .

WELCOME

Prelude *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Greeting and Welcome

Passing of the Peace

+Call to Worship

A branch begins to bud –

We wait with hope.

A new day begins to dawn–

We wait with patience.

A life begins to heal–

We wait with prayer.

A heart begins to open–

We wait for God.

All: Come, let us worship God.

+Hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

UMH #211

Lighting of the Advent Candles

One: We light this first candle of Advent, the Candle of Hope, as a sign of our trust in God's promises.

Two: *"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness, a light has dawned." (Isaiah 9:2)*

One: As we light the first candle, may its flame remind us of the hope we have in Jesus—a hope that sustains us, guides us, and shines brighter than any darkness.

(Light the first candle.)

All: Come, Lord Jesus, our hope and our salvation. Shine Your light in our hearts and in the world. Amen.

Song Response

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

TFWS #2232 vs. 1 & 4

Children's Message

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

THE WORD

Scripture Luke 1:5-13, 21-25

Message

Offertory Music

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus UMH #196

Offertory Liturgy

Gracious God, you provide us with hope in a world often plagued by despair. Receive these gifts that will be transformed into acts of hope to people in our community and across the world. In the name of Jesus, the bearer of good news, we pray. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Holy One, your song of hope has run out from ancient days beckoning us to listen and join in. A young woman named Mary opened her heart to your song. She heard the promise that she would give birth; she heard the promise that this child would transform the world.

In the stillness of this Advent season, we wait and prepare as our hearts echo an ancient cry:
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

Communion Music

As We Gather At Your Table

Prayer after Communion

Spirit of Hope, may your presence in bread and cup broaden the way we think, deepen the way we feel, and send us out with renewed confidence into a world that is waiting for the hope of Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.

+Hymn *Joy in the Morning* TFWS #2284

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+Benediction

Postlude *Hymn of Joy*

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Pastor Donna Dempewolf

Tracy Goodwin, Reader

NUMC Band

Hezekiah Ben Shirnai, Vocals and Mandolin

Kristen Twitchell, Vocals

Tim Goodwin, Guitar

Nick Weaver, Guitar

Wendy Smith, Flute, Tin Whistle, Keyboard

Mike Legvold, Bass Guitar

David Miller, Alto Saxophone and Keyboard

Dave Drentlaw, Drums

If you are new here . . .

- ✧ We are so glad you joined us!
- ✧ **If you would benefit from a large print bulletin or a hearing assistance device, please ask an usher.**
- ✧ +Please stand as able when you see this symbol as we move through the order of worship.
- ✧ Words for congregational liturgy and song are listed in the bulletin or projected on the screen at the front of the sanctuary. Most hymns can be found in the hardcover *United Methodist Hymnal* (2-3 digit) or soft cover *The Faith We Sing* (4 digit) located in the pews. We also have Bibles for following along with Scripture.
- ✧ Check our website for more information.

For Parents

- ✧ Want to learn more about NUMC's ministry with children, youth, and families? Join our email list! info@northfieldumc.org
- ✧ Staffed nursery available for children during worship.

Northfield United Methodist Church Mission

We are companions in Christ, called, nurtured, and sent out for this purpose: to glorify God by acts of worship, devotion, compassion, and justice.

Our pastor is:

Donna Dempewolf

For more information visit our website at www.northfieldumc.org.

Miss a week?

Watch our worship service online on our website!

Jesus Christ calls us to offer welcome, hospitality and God's gracious love to all.

Upcoming Events

Sundays

9:30 am – Worship

10:00 am – Children's Church (5th grade and under)

10:30 am – Coffee in Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays

3:30-5:30 pm – KC3 (K-5th grade)

5:30-6:30 pm – Super Wednesday meal

6:15 pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm – Handbell Choir Rehearsal

6:30-8:00 pm – Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grade)

Upcoming Events

Tuesdays, through December 17, 7:00 pm, online Advent Study with Bishop Lanette, The Christmas Letters, to register visit <https://mnumc-reg.brapp.com/AdventChristmasLetters>

Sunday, December 1, 8:30 am, UWF Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale, Narthex

Wednesday, December 4, 6:30 pm, Hanging of the Greens Service

Wednesday, December 18, 4:00 pm, Advent Service of Peace and Healing, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, musical prelude 3:45 pm

Wednesday, December 18, 6:30 pm, Children's Christmas Pageant

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Tuesday, December 24th

4:30 pm Christmas Eve Worship (nursery available, service livestreamed)

10:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship

Church office hours:

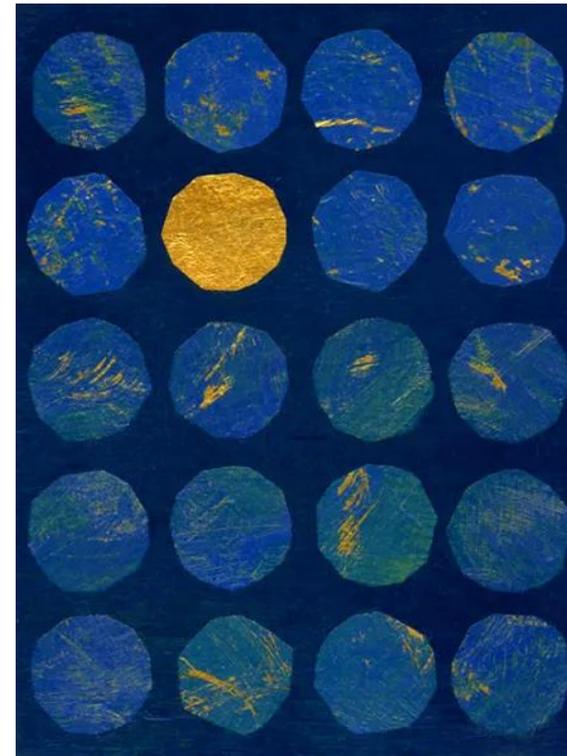
Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Friday, 8:00 am – noon

Worship.
Devotion.



Compassion.
Justice.



The Cast of Christmas: Zechariah

December 1, 2024
9:30 am

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