

May grace meet you here . . .

WELCOME

Prelude

Comfort, Comfort, Now My People
arr. Gerald Near
Savior of the Nations, Come
arr. Helmut Walcha

Greeting and Welcome

Passing of the Peace

+Call to Worship

Come, great spirit of hope, peace, and joy;
fill our hearts and minds today.

Come, miraculous laughter and help us rejoice.

Come, wondrous songs of renewal and turn
us toward the path of life.

Come, for we are ready to hear your words, sing your songs, and feel your presence.

+Hymn *There Is a Song in the Air* UMH #249

Lighting of the Advent Candles

One: On this third Sunday of Advent, we
light the candle of joy

Two: It reminds us of Mary's joyful song
when she learned she would bear the
Savior.

One: Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for He has looked with favor on the lowliness
of His servant" (Luke 1:46-48)

*Light the candle of joy, along with the
candles of hope and peace.*

Two: Lord of joy, as Mary rejoiced in Your
promises, help us to find joy in Your
presence.

**All: May our lives reflect your hope, peace,
and joy to the world. Amen.**

Song Response

Come Now, O Prince of Peace
TFWS #2232 vs. 1-2

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Handbell Choir Anthem

Peace on Earth Jill Jackson and Sy Miller
Arr. Joel Raney

Children's Message

Children's Christmas Choir

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
The First Noel

THE WORD

Scripture Luke 1:39-55

+Hymn *How Can I Keep From Singing?*
TFWS #2212

Message

THANKSGIVING

Journey of Generosity

Pierce FollansbeeDeLong

Offertory Music

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
arr. David Cherwein

Offertory Liturgy

**Loving God, you have blessed us time and
time again throughout our lives. We, like
Mary, can magnify you by proclaiming,
"My spirit rejoices in God my Savior!" We
place these gifts on your table as we seek
to change people's lives—to feed the
hungry, to lift up the lowly, to offer mercy
to all God's children. Amen.**

+Hymn *Angels We Have Heard on High*
UMH #238

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+Benediction

Postlude *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*
arr. Emma Lou Diemer

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Pastor Donna Dempewolf
Paul Kluge, Reader

Joanne Rodland, Organist
Kathy Szydlo, Handbell Choir Director
Fox Family, Candle Lighting

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

No Children's Church December 29th due to school breaks

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)

No Super Wednesday December 25th and January 1st

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, December 17, 9:00 am, Women's Bible Study

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

Friday, December 13, 8:00 am, Men's Breakfast

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Tuesday, December 24th

4:30 pm Christmas Eve Worship (nursery available, service livestreamed) musical prelude 4:00 pm.

10:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship with Communion

Church office hours:

Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Friday, 8:00 am – noon

The Church office will be closed December 24-January 1.

Worship.
Devotion.



Compassion.
Justice.



The Cast of Christmas: Mary

December 15, 2024
9:30 am

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