

May grace meet you here . . .

WELCOME

Prelude *Wachel aut* Jacobus Kloppers
(*Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*)
UMH #720

Greeting and Welcome

New Member Welcome

+Call to Worship

All earth is waiting to see the promised one.

Prepare the way of the Lord!

Come, thou long expected Jesus.

Hail to the Lord's anointed!

Advent comes as the ancient melody of hope.

Our ears are ready for the familiar song.

+Hymn *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

UMH #203

Prayers of the People

Prayers of Confession

Proclamation of the Good News

The Lord's Prayer

THE WORD

Scripture Isaiah 61:1-4

Children's Christmas Presentation

+Hymn *Love Came Down at Christmas*

UMH #242

Message

THANKSGIVING

Offertory Choir Anthem

Advent Prayer

arr. Patrick M. Liebergen

Offering Liturgy

All that we have is a gift, and we are grateful recipients of God's abundance.

Receive our offerings, O God: may our lives proclaim the good news of Jesus.

+Hymn *In the Bleak Midwinter* UMH #221

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+Benediction

Postlude *Wachet auf* Emma Lou Diemer

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The churches of the Holy Land have cancelled Christmas celebrations in Bethlehem in response to the ongoing Israel/Hamas war – this is both an issue of safety and a sign of lament for the pain of the hostages and the suffering of innocent Palestinians. On December 10 and 17, we will join churches across the globe in holding the second Advent candle unlit, as the lights of Bethlehem itself will be dark this Christmas. We will light all candles on Christmas Eve itself as a sign of hope that as the light of Christ comes, the darkness will not overcome it (John 1).

Worship setting:

The paper-cut Incarnational Star Banner was designed for Northfield UMC by Alice Masek of California and cut by members of Northfield United Methodist Church.

Rev. Rachel McIver Morey
Richard Waters, Reader
Joanne Rodland, Organist
Deborah Rae Miller, Choir Director
David Miller, Piano

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 pastors are:

Rachel McIver Morey and Jerad Morey.
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
10:30 am – Coffee in Fellowship Hall
10:00 am – Children's Church (5th grade and under)

Wednesdays

3:30-5:30 pm – KC3 (K-5th grade)
5:30-6:30 pm – Super Wednesday meal
6:15-7:15 pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm – Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:30-8:00 pm – Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grade)
6:30-7:30 pm – Open Gym (supervised)

Advent & Christmas Events

December 20 – 4:00 pm, Advent Service of Peace and Healing, St. Peter's Lutheran Church
December 24 – 9:30 am, Christmas Eve Communion Service
December 24 – 4:30 pm, Christmas Eve Worship (nursery available) livestreamed
December 24 – 10:00 pm, Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Church office hours:

Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Friday, 9:00 am – noon
The Church office will be closed December 25th – January 1st for the Christmas break.



Advent Worship Series:

Hopescrolling

December 17, 2023 9:30 a.m.

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