

May grace meet you here . . .

WELCOME

Prelude *Noel Suisse* Louis Claude Daquan

Greeting and Welcome

+Passing of the Peace

+Call to Worship

In a world where fear still tries to rule and
power still wounds,

**we gather to remember that Christ enters
even the hardest places.**

Herods rise and fall, but God's light persists.

**God is with us—unafraid, unbound, and still
being born.**

Come, let us seek the One who slips past
cruelty and carries hope into the night.

All: Emmanuel, be among us. Make us brave.

Make us ready. Amen.

+Hymn *He Is Born* UMH #228

Unison Prayer

**O God, let the image of Christ, the newborn
child, stir in us a hope that refuses to fade.**

**Let the image of Christ, the hunted child,
strengthen our resolve to resist every form of
tyranny and fear. Let the image of Christ, the
refugee, awaken in us a commitment to
shelter the vulnerable and welcome the
displaced. Teach us to reject cruelty and
neglect, and to live instead with tenderness
and courage toward all people. Through Jesus
Christ, Your compassionate and enduring
Light. Amen.**

Children's Message

Call to Prayer

Sing We Now of Christmas

UMH #237 vs 1

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

THE WORD

Scripture Matthew 2:13-23

+Hymn *Star-Child* TFWS #2095

Message

Keeping Herod in Christmas

THANKSGIVING

Offertory Music

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Paul Manz

Offertory Liturgy

**God of steadfast love, receive these gifts and
receive us. Use what we offer to shine Your
light where fear still holds sway. Amen.**

+Hymn *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

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DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Benediction

Postlude *On To Us is Born a Son*

Denis Bedard

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Donna Dempewolf, Pastor

Mary Twitchel, Reader

Bob Henstein, Organist

When Jesus was a refugee,
Egypt took him in--
gave safety from King Herod
and shelter from the wind.

When Jesus was a refugee
he lived among the poor.
I see him then-- I see him now.
He's knocking on my door.

For Jesus is a refugee
and if I take him in,
I see the suffering through his eyes
and learn to be like him.

-Daniel Charles Damon

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.

Donna Dempewolf, Pastor
Kristen Twitchell, Interim Youth Director
Izel Thoele, Youth & Children's Intern
Ruth Kruse, Parish Nurse
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
9:40 am – Children's Church
10:30 am – Coffee in Fellowship Hall
10:30 am – Adult Faith Formation
No Children's Church December 28th

Wednesdays

3:30 – 5:30 pm, (K-5th Grade) Fun, Faith & Food
Snack
5:30-6:15 pm – Community Meal
6:15 pm – Adult Choir
6:30 pm – Handbell Choir
6:30 pm – Youth Fellowship
No Super Wednesday December 31

Upcoming Events

Women's Bible Study, Tuesday, December 30, 9:00
am, room #120
Men's Breakfast, Friday, January 2, 8:00 am,
Fellowship Hall

Adult Faith Formation

10:30 am, Reception Room
Missions: 1/4: Habitat for Humanity
1/11-2/1: 4 week series lead by Tim Goodwin
Hope for Creation 2: Discovering Your Place in
Creation



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The Church office will be closed Dec. 24- Jan. 2

Worship.
Devotion.



Compassion.
Justice.



Keeping Herod in Christmas

December 28, 2025
9:30 am

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