# 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

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# **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-5<sup>th</sup> 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



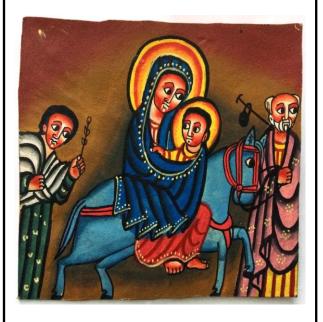
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The Church office will be closed Dec. 24- Jan. 2

Worship. Devotion.



Compassion. Justice.



# Keeping Herod in Christmas

December 28, 2025 9:30 am

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