

# May grace meet you here . . .

## WELCOME

Prelude *People, Look East*  
Traditional French Carol

Greeting and Welcome

Passing of the Peace

+Hymn *Prepare the Way of the Lord*  
UMH #207

+Call to Worship  
A shoot grows from a silent stump;  
**Peace begins in small places.**  
A prophet cries out in the wilderness;  
**Peace begins in receptive hearts.**  
A child will lead them;  
**Peace begins in vulnerable hands.**  
Today we walk the Road to Emmanuel—  
not rushing, not striving, but breathing deeply  
of God's promise.  
**Come, let us worship the One who makes a  
home among us, and who leads us in the way  
of peace.**

+Hymn *All Earth is Waiting* UMH #210

Lighting of the Advent Candles

**One:** Today we continue on the Road to  
Emmanuel, the road that leads us to Jesus.

**Two:** Last week we lit the candle of Hope.  
Today we light the candle of Peace.

**One:** Peace begins small—like taking a deep  
breath, speaking the truth, or standing up for  
someone who needs help.

**Two:** When we choose peace—real, brave  
peace—God's light grows brighter in our  
world.

*(Light the candle of Hope and Peace)*

**All: God of Peace, teach us your ways. Help us  
to open our hearts to you, so your peace can  
shine through us this Advent and always.  
Amen.**

Sung Response  
*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*  
UMH #196 vs. 1

Children's Message

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

## THANKSGIVING

Offertory Music  
*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent*

Offertory Liturgy  
**God of new beginnings,  
as we enter this Advent season,  
receive these gifts as signs of our peace.  
Awaken us to ways we can serve,  
care for Your world,  
and live with expectation of Emmanuel.  
Amen.**

## THE WORD

Scripture Isaiah 11:1-10, Matthew 3:1-12

+Hymn *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*  
TFWS #2232

Message  
The Road to Emmanuel | Awaken to Peace

Holy Communion

Communion Music *In the Bleak Midwinter*  
Gustav Holst, arr. D. Miller

Prayer After Communion

God of Peace, You have fed us for the journey  
and strengthened us with grace. As we return  
to the world You love, center our hearts,  
steady our steps, and send us out as bearers of  
Your peace. May what we have received here  
take root and blossom in lives of compassion.  
Amen.

+Hymn *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*  
UMH #218

## DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Benediction

Postlude *Let There Be Peace on Earth*  
Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

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Donna Dempewolf, Pastor  
Catherine Williams, Reader  
Stortz Family, Candle Lighters  
NUMC Band:

Kristen Twitchell, Vocals  
Ava Podracky, Vocals  
Elaine Boda, Cello  
Wendy Smith, Flute, Guitar  
Tiim Goodwin, Guitar  
David Miller, Piano  
Mike Legvold, Bass Guitar  
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](mailto: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](http://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 24 and 31**

### Upcoming Events

**Toys for Tots – Through December 10**

Boxes located in the Narthex and south entry.

Donate a new (unwrapped) toy to less fortunate children in Rice County.

**MICAH Mtg**, Monday, December 8, 10:00 am, Fellowship Hall

**Esther Circle**, Monday, December 8, 1:00 pm, Kildahl

**Women's Bible Study**, Tuesday, December 9, 9:00 am, room #120

**Men's Breakfast**, Friday, December 12, 8:00 am, Fellowship Hall

### December Christmas Events

**Children's Christmas Pageant**, Wednesday, December 17, 6:30 pm

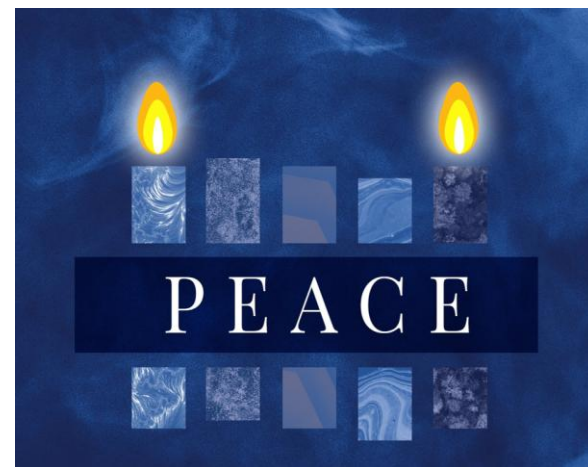
**Service of the Longest Night**, Sunday, December 21, 4:00 pm, musical prelude 3:45 pm, NUMC

**Christmas Eve Worship**, Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 pm and 10:00 pm

Worship.  
Devotion.



Compassion.  
Justice.



## The Road to Emmanuel

# December 7, 2025 9:30 am

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