

# May grace meet you here . . .

## WELCOME

Prelude *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*  
arr. D. Miller

Greeting and Welcome

Passing of the Peace

+Call to Worship

In this season of Advent, we wait for the coming of Christ.

**We wait with hope and expectation.**

Today, we remember God's promise of peace.

**Peace that surpasses all understanding and fills our hearts.**

Let us prepare our hearts to welcome the Prince of Peace.

**Come, Lord Jesus, and bring your peace to our world.**

+Hymn *Star Child* TFWS #2095

## Lighting of the Advent Candles

**One:** On this second Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of peace.

*Light the second candle, along with the first.*

**Two:** In a world often filled with conflict and turmoil, we are reminded of the peace that comes through Christ. As the prophet Isaiah proclaimed:

**One:** *"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6*

**Two:** May this light be a symbol of Christ's peace in our hearts and our world. Let us prepare our hearts to receive Him anew.  
**All:** **Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is darkness, let us shine your light. Come, Lord Jesus, our Prince of Peace. Amen.**

Song Response

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

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Children's Message

Blessing of the Quilts

## THE WORD

Scripture Luke 3:1-6

+Hymn *Wild and Lone the Prophets Voice*  
TFWS #2089

Scripture Luke 3:7-18

Message

## THANKSGIVING

Offertory Music *I Wonder as I Wander*  
John Jacob Niles, arr. T. Gotwald

Offertory Liturgy

**God of song and sanctuary, we turn back to you again, and bring to you these gifts of money, of creativity, and of ourselves, asking that you bless them, and us. May these gifts bring hope and peace to your world, as we proclaim your good news, Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.**

+Hymn *Wonderful Child* (lyrics on screen)

## DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+Benediction

Postlude *Wonderful Child*

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Pastor Donna Dempewolf  
Ava Podracky, Reader  
NUMC Band:

Kristen Twitchell, Vocals  
Elaine Boda, Cello

Tim Goodwin, Guitar and Harmonica  
Nick Weaver, Guitar  
David Miller, Piano  
Mike Legvold, Bass Guitar

## 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.

Our pastor is:

Donna Dempewolf

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

10:00 am – Children's Church (5<sup>th</sup> grade and under)

10:30 am – Coffee in Fellowship Hall

**No Children's Church December 29<sup>th</sup> due to school breaks**

### Wednesdays

3:30-5:30 pm – KC3 (K-5<sup>th</sup> 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 (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

**No Super Wednesday December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1st**

### Upcoming Events

Monday, December 9, 10:30 am, MICAH meeting

Tuesday, December 10, 9:00 am, Women's Bible Study

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

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

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

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:

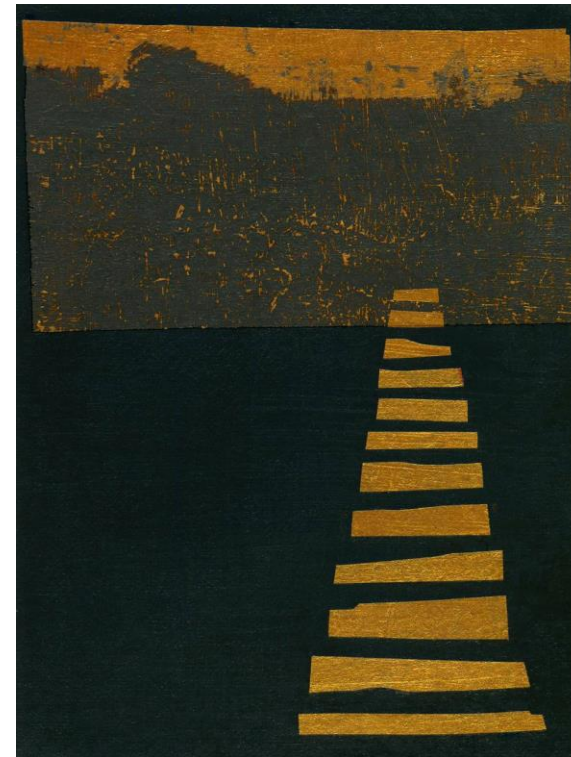
Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Friday, 8:00 am – noon

Worship.  
Devotion.



Compassion.  
Justice.



## The Cast of Christmas: John the Baptist

December 8, 2024  
9:30 am

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