

# *May grace meet you here . . .*

## WELCOME

### Prelude

*How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*  
Setting: Helmut Walcha

### Greeting and Welcome

### +Passing of the Peace

+Call to Worship  
Radiant Morning Star, you are both guidance  
and mystery.

**You lead us by a light we cannot control and  
meet us in questions we did not plan to ask.**  
Visit our rest with disruptive dreams and our  
journeys with unexpected companions.  
**Grant us the hospitality to open our hearts  
and homes to wisdom we did not know we  
needed—bearing gifts both strange and holy.**  
**Amen.**

+Hymn  
*We Three Kings*                      UMH #254

### Pastoral Prayers and Lord's Prayer

## THANKSGIVING

### Offertory Music

*A Boy Was Born in Bethlehem*  
Johann Sebastian Bach

### Offertory Liturgy

**As the Magi of old, guided by a light in the  
night sky, brought gifts shaped by who they  
were and what they carried, so we bring our  
gifts. May these offerings become light for  
those in need and signs of your presence in  
the world. Amen.**

## THE WORD

Scripture    Isaiah 60:1-6  
                  Matthew 2:1-12

+Hymn  
*What Child Is This*                      UMH #219

### Message

Shards of Light:  
The Christ We Piece Together

## HOLY COMMUNION

### Invitation to Holy Communion

### Words of Institution

### Communion Music

*I Love To Tell the Story*  
Emma Lou Diemer

### Prayer After Communion

**Spirit of God, shared with us in bread and cup,  
gather the scattered pieces of our lives. Form  
us into a people shaped by Christ—bearing  
his light, reflecting his mercy, radiating his  
justice, and living with courage and hope in  
the world. Amen.**

### +Hymn

*The First Noel*                      UMH #245

## DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Go now, guided not by certainty,  
but by light.  
Follow Christ—  
revealed in many names,  
known in many ways,  
and reflected through your lives.  
Amen.

Postlude    *In The Is Gladness*  
Johann Sebastian Bach

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Donna Dempewolf, Pastor  
Jolene Barjasteh, Reader  
Joanne Rodland, Organist

## 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

### 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

### Upcoming Events

**United Women in Faith mtg.**, Monday, January 5,  
10:00 am, room #120

**Women's Bible Study**, Tuesday, January 6, 9:00 am,  
room #120

**Men's Breakfast**, Friday, January 9, 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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Worship.  
Devotion.



Compassion.  
Justice.



## Shards of Light

**January 4, 2025**  
**9:30 am**

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