

# May grace meet you here . . .

## WELCOME

Prelude *What Child Is This?*  
arr. Richard Purvis

Greeting and Welcome

Passing of the Peace

+Call to Worship

Radiant Morning Star, you are both  
guidance and mystery.

**Visit our rest with disturbing dreams and  
our journeys with strange companions.**

Grace us with the hospitality to open our  
hearts and homes to visitors filled with  
unfamiliar wisdom, bearing profound and  
unusual gifts.

**Amen.**

+Hymn *We Three Kings* UMH #254 vs 1-4

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

## THE WORD

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12

Children's Message

+Hymn *What Child is This?* UMH #219

Message

Offertory Music

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!*

Marcel Dupre

Offertory Liturgy

**As the magi of old, guided by a light in the  
night sky, brought gifts of gratitude to  
God, so we bring our gifts. May these gifts  
be a source of light to those in need.  
Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING

Holy Communion

Come, all who journey in faith: bring your  
lives, fragile and holy. There is a place for  
you here.

**We come to this table, ready to see anew.**  
God of all, some travelers once journeyed  
together beneath a fiery star to seek the  
treasure of their hearts. Kneeling in a stable  
they found the gift they sought.

**In this season, we also set out seeking  
signs of your presence, and remembering  
how this child of Bethlehem broke bonds  
of oppression to pour out compassion for  
all.**

Words of Institution

Communion Music

*Go, Tell It On The Mountain*

arr. John Ferguson

Prayer after Communion

**May your Spirit, shared in bread and cup,  
open us to peace, hope, joy, love and light.  
May we live as people formed by Christ,  
and may we show his radiance in our daily  
lives. Amen**

+Hymn *The First Noel* UMH #245

## DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+Benediction

Postlude *God Rest You Merry Gentlemen*  
arr. Alfred Fedak

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Pastor Donna Dempewolf  
Mary Twitchell, 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.

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

### 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)

### Upcoming Events

Tuesday and Thursday through March 27, 1:30-3:30 pm, Methodist Mile indoor walking

Tuesdays through March 18, 10:00-11:30 am, Playtime for Toddlers

Tuesdays, 9:00 am, Women's Bible Study

Fridays, 8:00 am, Men's Breakfast

Monday, January 6, 10:00 am, United Women in Faith meeting

Monday, January 13, 10:30 am, MICA meeting

Sunday, January 19, 10:45 am Adult Forum, Cynthia Wilson, President NAACP Minneapolis Chapter, Reception Room

Tuesday, January 21, noon, February Herald Newsletter deadline

Tuesday, January 21, 1:00-2:00 pm Coffee with the Pastor, The Hideaway

### Church office hours:

Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Friday, 8:00 am – noon

**Monday, January 20, Church office closed, Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday**

Worship.  
Devotion.



Compassion.  
Justice.



## Celebration of Holy Communion

### Detours

January 5, 2025  
9:30 am

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