

10:00 AM

1st Sunday of Advent

November 30th , 2025

³ Many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.” Isaiah 2:3

PRELUDE

Debbe Picerno

CALL TO WORSHIP
L: During Advent, we wait for the one promised in scripture.
P: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.
L: We wait for the one who will bring answers to a world filled with questions.
P: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.
L: We wait for the one who can heal what has been wounded and mend what has been broken.
P: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.
L: We wait for the one who can renew our weary spirits and ignite our hearts with hope.
P: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.

***OPENING PRAYER**

*HYMNS	“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”	No. 244
	“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”	No. 11

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
Almighty God, in Jesus Christ You came among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess we have not welcomed Your light or trusted Your good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to Your presence. We have expected little and hoped for even less. Forgive our doubt and renew our faith, so we may receive the fullness of Your grace, live in the truth of Jesus Christ our Lord, and experience the power of the Holy Spirit. In Christ's name we pray. Amen. (Silent Confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**
L: Believe the good news of the Gospel.
P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***CONFESSION RESPONSE:** “Gloria Patri”

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***OFFERING RESPONSE:** “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON **Philippians 4:4-9**

ANTHEM “The Promise of Advent” **By: Choir**

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON **Isaiah 9:1-7**

SERMON “Joy in the Promise” **Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin**

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***HYMN** “In Christ Alone”

POSTLUDE **Debbe Picerno**

***Those who are able please stand.**

The Schultz family will be lighting the advent candles today.



Ushers: Cindy Musko	Greeters: Rick & Carol McClean
Welcome Desk: Susan Mossgrove	Fellowship Hour: Rick & Carol McClean
Liturgist: Molly Tarr	Childcare: Pam Greb

<i><u>THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR</u></i>		
Sunday:	10 AM	Worship
	11 AM	Sunday School
Tuesday:	1 PM	Quilting
	6:30 PM	Deacon & Trustees Meeting
Wednesday:	9 AM	Coffee & Conversation
	6:30 PM	Choir
Thursday:	6 PM	Women's Bible Study
Friday:	10 AM	Women's Bible Study
Saturday:	10 AM	Grief Fellowship Hour

BLOOD DRIVE- Tuesday, December 9th from 12-5 PM at Meridian Firehall. Please signup at redcrossblood.org if you are able to donate.

MIKE BARTON'S ORDINATION & INSTALLATION SERVICE- Come help us celebrate Pastor Mike's ordination & installation on Sunday, January 4th at 4 PM at the church with dinner served afterwards. Please signup in the Fellowship Room if you would like to attend the dinner. Please reach out to Kala if you would like to help with the dinner.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER- Save the date for our annual Christmas Dinner Sunday, Dec 7th at 5 PM followed by a Christmas Concert performed by North Hills Harmony Line Chorus. Please sign up in the fellowship room for an approximate head count and side dishes.

CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE- Save a stamp! Every year the church does a Christmas card exchange. If you are a member or regular attender you will have a pocket in our quilts. There is a sign up sheet in the fellowship room if you would like your name added just let us know.

CONFIRMATION- Confirmation students will be recognized and are officially joining the church on Sunday, December 14th during worship. There will be a small reception afterwards with cake and refreshments.

CHILDREN SINGING- The children will be singing in worship on Sunday, December 21st. Please see Debbe Picerno for more details.

OFFERING ENVELOPES- Available for pickup in the fellowship room. There are extra sets available for those who would like them, just write your name next to a number on the list please.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES- We will have Candlelight Christmas Eve Services at 4:30 & 7 PM this year. We hope you will join us!

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