

10:00 AM

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 7th, 2025

² *The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—³ and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.*

Isaiah 11:2-3

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: During Advent, we wait for the one promised in scripture.

P: And he will be called Mighty God.

L: We wait for the one whose power has no limits and whose strength knows no end.

P: And he will be called Mighty God.

L: We wait for the one whose everlasting light can illuminate the darkest night.

P: And he will be called Mighty God.

L: We wait for the one whose mercy never ends and whose faithfulness endures forever.

P: And he will be called Mighty God.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

No. 245

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we confess that we so often fix our eyes on the troubles of this world rather than in your eternal hope. As a result, we doubt you and your promises. Forgive us, Lord, for focusing only on what we can see. Empower us instead to trust you, walk by faith, and rest confidently in your grace daily. We pray this in the merciful name of Jesus. Amen. (Silent Confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel!

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*CONFESSION RESPONSE: “Behold the Lamb”

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*OFFERING RESPONSE: “Doxology”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-5

ANTHEM

“All Things Work Together”

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 8:18-28

SERMON

“Joy in the Waiting”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

*HYMN

“Jesus Paid it All”

No. 305

COMMUNION

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*HYMN

“His Glory and My Good”

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

*Those who are able please stand.

The Messina family will be lighting the advent candles today.

Ushers: Deacons

Welcome Desk: Pat Lazare

Liturgist: Autumn Moore

Greeters: Pam Greb

Fellowship Hour: Nancy Rettig

Child Care: Sarah Murtha

<i><u>THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR</u></i>		
Sunday:	10 AM	Worship & Communion
	11 AM	Sunday School
	11 AM	Care Team Facility Meeting
	5 PM	Christmas Dinner & Concert
Monday:	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study
Tuesday:	12-5 PM	Blood Drive @ Meridian Firehall
	1 PM	Quilting
	6:30 PM	Session Meeting
Wednesday:	9 AM	Coffee & Conversation
Saturday:	9 AM	Men's Breakfast @ Mac's Cafe

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL- Will be canceled for the month of December & resume on Jan 4th.

HEARTS & HAMMERS- Volunteers are needed this week at 9 AM Mon Dec 8th, Wed Dec 10th, and Thurs Dec 11th. We will be repairing walls, painting, and replacing a window. If you can help please contact Mike Barton for the address and details.

FISHBONE ANGEL TREE- Our Angel Tree in the great room has 20 angels, each representing a \$20 gift for a local Fishbone Ministry family. Please take an angel, purchase the listed gift, and return it to Mike Barton. All gifts will be delivered to bless a family this Christmas.

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.

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.

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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