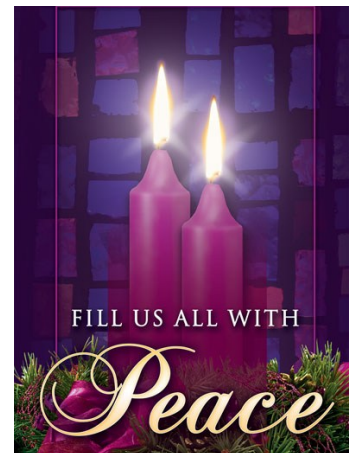


Highland Avenue  
United Methodist Church  
2nd Sunday of Advent  
December 7, 2025  
9:30 a.m.

*GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD*

Words of Welcome

The Prelude **“Angels We Have Heard on High”**



The Call to Worship: *(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2025.*

Beloved, we gather to remember who we are, not who the world tells us to be.

**We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.**

We recall the story of God’s people, how God has called us to live in peace and righteousness in a world full of conflict and twisted morality.

**We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.**

We recount the story of our journey with God, the moments of God’s provision, God’s prodding, and God’s prophetic guidance.

**We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.**

We gather to repent and return anew to God’s story that guides our lives to work for peace and flourishing for all God’s creation.

**We gather to tell the story of the day that all the earth awaits. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*The Opening Hymn: **“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” UMH #211 (vs. 1-4)**

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath: **Peace**

Advent Prayer

**Dear God,**

**As we journey down this Advent road,  
grant us the courage to make peace.**

**Peace in our hearts,**

**Peace in our homes,**

**Peace in our communities. Amen.**

**“Light the Advent Candle” TFWS # 2090 (vs. 2)**

*LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD*

The Scripture Lessons: **Isaiah 11: 1-10**      **Old Testament pg. 755**  
**Matthew 3: 1-12**      **New Testament pg. 3**

A Time for Children: **“Peaceable Kingdom”**

*(Continued on the back)*

The Message: **“Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven Is at Hand”**

Meditation in Music **“Winter Reflection”**

A Time of Prayer

Celebrations and Concerns

Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer **UMH # 895**

*RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD*

The Offering

\*Doxology **UMH # 95**

\*The Prayer of Dedication (*insert*)

\*The Closing Hymn: **“All Earth Is Waiting” UMH # 210**

Benediction

Announcements and Prayer

Postlude **“Christmas Bells”**



*Please pray for:*

Harold Aziz  
Trisha Aziz  
Tom Bailey  
Geneva and Norman  
Beckwith  
Michael Breed  
Cathy Brissette  
Russell Brown  
Kendal Buck  
Cameron (Ralph's  
grandson)  
Gretchen Clark  
**Betty Crocker**  
Karen Crommett  
Danielle  
**Barbara Dill**  
Donna & Mike  
DiTaranto

Crystal Farris  
**Armand Fournier**  
Harold and Lynn  
Gerard  
**Connie Greenleaf**  
**Kay Gregory**  
Russell Hickey  
Nancy Holmes  
Vicky Kelley  
Michael LaPlante  
Ann LeClair  
Kevin Lee  
Cathy & Mark  
Leonard  
Emily Long's gram  
Lois, sister-in-law of  
Pat O'Connor  
Jerry Lucas  
Steve McNelly  
Judy Meserve's  
cousins  
Jim Meserve

Kathy Meserve  
Ellen Minotty  
Tony Morgan  
Pat O'Connor  
Dennis O'Driscoll  
Olivia & Jed  
Silvia Palmer  
Linda Pare  
Carla Parsons  
Peggy Philips  
Jessie Powell  
Sylvia Quint  
Judy Quintal  
**Family of Morris**  
**Quintal**  
Alton Ranks  
Tanya Russell  
Sherman Family  
**Sandy Smith**  
Sullivan Smith  
Flo Sutter  
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Laverne & Tim  
Tardiff  
Randy and Lisa  
Thibeau  
Rick Thombs  
Tracy Trott  
Samantha Dunn  
Walker  
Lorna Ulmer's  
brothers  
Jane Weir  
Jonathan Williams  
Bert Winslow  
Irene Wise

**People of the Middle**  
**East**  
**The Military**  
**Border Concerns**  
**People of Ukraine**  
**Victims of Violence**  
**Victims of Natural**  
**Disasters**