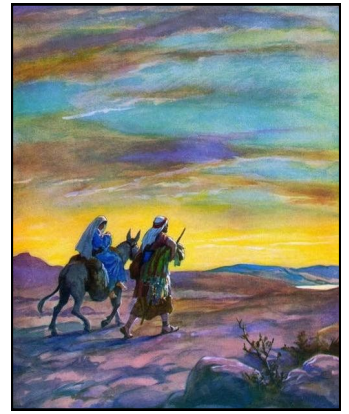


Highland Avenue  
United Methodist Church  
Christmas Sunday  
December 28, 2025  
9:30 a.m.



*GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD*

Words of Welcome

The Prelude : “**Child So Lovely**”

The Call to Worship: *(from Holy Communion service by John Wurster and Keatan King)*

When the world could wait no longer, you sent your Son into the world to show us your many faces.

**Unexpected child, Unwelcomed refugee, Unhoused wayfarer, Teacher and rebel, Healer and provocateur, Lover of the unlovable, Toucher of the untouchable, Forgiver of the unforgivable, Loved by the least, feared by authority, friend of the weak, foe of the strong.**

In all of these faces, we beheld love’s true form until the world could stand him no longer, so we made him a cross.

**When heaven could wait no longer, O God, you broke the powers of death and raised Christ to see new life.**

\*The Opening Hymn: “**He Is Born**” UMH #228

Opening Prayer *(UMH Hymnal, page 231)*

**Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world. Grant that, being born in our hearts, he may save us from all our sins, and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator, to whom be everlasting praise and glory, world without end. Amen**

*LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD*

The Scripture Lessons: **Matthew 2: 7-15**      **New Testament pg. 2**

A Time for Children

The Message: “**After**”

*(Continued on the back)*

# Meditation in Music “**Twas in the Moon of Wintertime**”

Ralph Cheney and Kathy Patrick

## 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: “**That Boy-Child of Mary**”     **UMH # 241 vs. 1-4**

## Benediction

## Announcements and Prayer

## Postlude “**Trillium Twirl**”



### *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  
**Dwight Cooper**  
Betty Crocker  
Karen Crommett  
Danielle  
Barbara Dill  
Donna & Mike  
DiTaranto

Crystal Farris  
Armand Fournier  
Harold and Lynn  
Gerard  
Todd Goode  
Connie Greenleaf  
Kay Gregory  
Russell Hickey  
Nancy Holmes  
Vicky Kelley  
Ray Ladd  
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  
Alton Ranks  
Tanya Russell  
Sherman Family  
Sandy Smith  
Sullivan Smith  
Flo Sutter  
Laverne & Tim  
Tardiff

### **Michel Tessier**

Patsy Tessier  
Randy and Lisa  
Thibeau

### **Rhoda Thombs**

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**