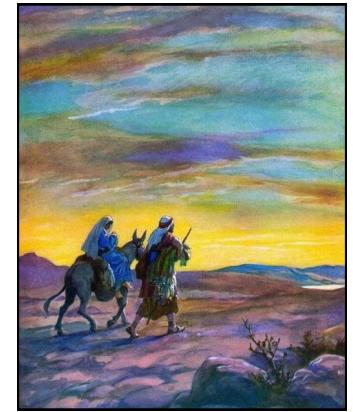


**Highland Avenue
United Methodist Church
Christmas Sunday
December 28, 2025
9:30 a.m.**

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**”



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

Please pray for:

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