

Sunday Worship

November 30, 2025 10:00 am

**Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

Worship Theme: Hanging of the Greens

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Hark! The Glad Sound!" Edward Broughton

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Sheryl Rajpolt

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Maureen Fox

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?

People: **With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.**

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

People: **With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.**

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

People: **With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death, and resurrection.**

Leader: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

People: **By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.**

Leader: For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

All: **Glory to God in the highest!**

***Opening Hymn** "People, Look East" UMH #202

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader
God of the darkened night, God of the morning light, come to us again. Come to us in the preparation of our homes and our hearts. Come to us in the harmony of song and the sound of silence. Come in our faithful waiting and hopeful watching. Come to us in the cry for peace and the smile of forgiveness. God of the darkened night, God of the morning light, come to us; be with us. Amen.

Words of Assurance Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Light in the Darkness **Scripture Lesson:** [Isaiah 9:2.6](#)

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Pavia Cacace Family

Choir Anthem: "An Advent Alleluia" Douglas E. Wagner

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

A Tender Shoot **Scripture Lesson:** [Isaiah 53:2-5](#)

An Everlasting Promise **Scripture Lesson:** [Isaiah 41:17-20](#)

***Hymn** "God Almighty, We are Waiting" WS #3047

Walk in the Light **Scripture Lesson:** [Isaiah 2:1-5](#)

Message "What to Wait For" by Brianna Dehn

***Hymn of Response** "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH #431

The Beginning & the End **Scripture Lesson:** [Revelation 22:12-13,16](#)

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns **Pastoral Prayer**
The Lord's Prayer

***Doxology** The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (Unison)
Gracious God, in this season of anticipation, we offer our gifts with hopeful hearts. As we prepare for the fullness of your kingdom, may these offerings be a sign of our readiness and desire to live attentively. Use them to bring justice, righteousness, and joy to our world. Surprise us with your presence and help us

to look up, to pay attention, and to embrace the hope you bring. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn** "Soon and Very Soon" UMH #706

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** "The King of Glory Comes" TFWS #2091

Postlude

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Join Us for Fellowship

Coming Up:

December 7th. - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we continue to study God's Word ([Matthew 3:1-12](#)) - Prepare the way!

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for
Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)
(Live Meeting)



[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)
(Recorded Sessions)

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