



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

DECEMBER 15, 2024

**PRELUDE** A Medley of Christmas Carols (Smith)

**INTROIT** "Watchman Tell Us of the Night"

**TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION** "Coventry Carol" (Smith)

**UNISON PRAYER**  
God of good news, God of joy, your Spirit is always at work in our midst. Your nearness brings life and salvation. Help us join in the songs of our ancestors who have declared your mighty works through the generations. Let our praise arise with theirs as we rest in the joy of your arriving presence. Amen.

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE** Fisher/Matthews Family

**\*ADVENT HYMN** "Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee"

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
Merciful God, we confess that, in the midst of your glorious creation, we have neglected our role in its care. We ignore the cries of the hurting and the lonely, those on the margins and those who are oppressed. We focus on our own desires, while forgetting the needs of our neighbors. We have not prepared a way for the Lord in our words, deeds, actions or thoughts. Grant us your mercy in forgiveness. Lead us to act with compassion and justice, guided by your glorious light. Amen.

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE** "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**  
God of joy, who never lets us go, draw near to us in these ancient words. By your Holy Spirit may we be filled and lifted up, as you prepare in our hearts the path of your coming. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Luke 1:26-38 (Pew Bible pg. 944)

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC** "Each Child" (Daley)

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Galatians 4:4-7 (Pew Bible pg. 1076)

**MESSAGE** Behold! I Do a New Thing!: "A New Hope"

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE** "Living Hope" (Johnson)

## OFFERING

**MUSICAL OFFERING** "Ding, Dong Merrily on High" (arr. Helvey)

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "Canticle of the Turning"

### \*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Raney)

Transitional Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Director of Worship  
Director of Media  
Organist/Accompanist  
Director Emeritus  
Tech Team

**Geoff Kohler**  
**Mofid Wasef**  
**Elizabeth Virkler**  
**Luke Graham**  
**Ronél Wishnuff**  
**Chris Cook**  
**Riley McKenna**  
**Elmer Vires**  
**Paula Vires**  
**Lee & Berdi Meehan**

\*Please Stand if able

Worship Band

**Joey Carano**  
**Pete Harrison**  
**Nathan Hubbard**

Vocalists

**Jessi Byrne**  
**Carol Wood**  
**Scott Wood**

Ensembles

**Chancel Choir**  
**Grace Notes**  
**Chuck Deckert**

Scripture Reader

To Give:

