

# McCORMICK METHODIST CHURCH

December 7, 2025

10:00 AM

## Second Sunday of Advent

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prelude for Advent and Christmas

Peggy Thomas

#### Preparing for the Coming of Christ

Liturgist and Congregation

Leader: The coming of our Lord is near, and we wait in joyful expectation. Let's join together in prayer offering our praise for His coming.

**People: Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come into our midst. Come into our hearts. Come into our homes and our community, into our schools and workplaces. May we welcome you everywhere, making room for you, preparing for you, anticipating your arrival with joy and reverence. We commit this season of Advent to becoming ready. Shine your light in those nooks and crannies we keep in the shadows. Sweep our hearts clean from our long-hidden doubt and fear. Repair our torn and wounded places that have tormented our lives. We long for your arrival. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.**

#### The Blessing of the Advent Décor

Liturgist and

Congregation

Leader: We pray that the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's love in Christ.

**People: Come, Lord Jesus!**

Leader: We pray that this simple and circular evergreen wreath, a sign of life without end, may remind us of God's love

Without end. We pray that our Nativity scene outside remind all that Christ is born into our world to save us.

**People: Come, Lord Jesus**

Leader: We pray that this Chrismon tree may remind us that Jesus made the cross a tree of life and light, dispelling our sin and darkness, bringing complete healing to our brokenness, and peace to all who receive him.

**People: Come, Lord Jesus!**

**Eternal God, in your grace and providence, you have made all ages a preparation for the kingdom of your**

**Son. Your Church awaits with joy and singing you Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. We pray for his light to shine into our darkness. Amen**

Adapted from the Book of Blessings and United Methodist Book of Worship

#### \*Hymn of Praise

*"Lift Up Your heads, Ye Mighty Gates "*

UMH 213

#### The Lighting of the Advent Candles of Hope and Peace

#### \*Response

*"People Look East" vs 1,2*

UMH 202

#### Prayers of the Church

Liturgist

#### \*Response

*"Sing We Now of Christmas" vs 1,2*

UMH 237

**Scripture Lesson**  
Liturgist

Mark 14: 22-25

**Anthem**

*“Come to the Table”*

Chancel Choir

**The Message**

*“Worship”*

Pastor Jake Weber

### **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Hymn of Blessing**

*“Be Present at our Table Lord”*

UMH 621

**Sharing the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer After Communion**

**All: Gracious God, we thank you for revealing your love to us in bread and juice. We recognize your presence in us and all around us, and we ask that you continue to reveal your love for all Creation to the ends of the Earth through our lives. Make us your people and use us to reveal the continual establishment of your kingdom here and now: a world filled with love and the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen**

**\*Hymn of Dedication**

*“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”*

UMH 218

**Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Sending Forth:** May the God of love fill you with joy and peace. May the peace of Christ be with you, now and forevermore.

and may the Holy Spirit fill your days with hope. Amen

**\*Postlude**

*“Go Now in Peace”*

Chancel Choir

**\*Please stand if able**

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