

# McCORMICK METHODIST CHURCH

**December 14, 2025**

**10:00 AM**

## **Third Sunday of Advent**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Prelude for Advent and Christmas**

Peggy Thomas

Reader: For so long we have walked only in darkness, unable to see. But, behold a light, yes a light has come! Not even the deepest darkness can keep up the dawn. "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Peace is here, upon us, with us, around us. It will never end. Celebrate the King of light, power, and peace. He has come. We join in praying together...

**All: Advent is a season of hope. While we look forward to the celebration of Jesus' birth, we also look beyond to the celebration of eternity with our Savior. Everything is pointing to it; everything is waiting for it. The earth groans and our hearts ache with longing. This season gives us a taste of the excitement we find in waiting. Hope is dawning and our minds cannot fathom what joy is to come! Thank you, Jesus, for coming to earth, and we eagerly wait for your return. Amen**

#### **\*Hymn of Praise**

*"Angels from the Realms of Glory"*

UMH 220

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

#### **\*Response**

*"People Look East" vs 3*

UMH 202

#### **Prayers of the Church**

Pastor Jake Weber

#### **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.**

<b>*Response</b>	<i>"Away in the Manger"</i>	UMH 217
<b>Scripture Lesson</b>	Matthew 1: 18-2:1	Liturgist
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>"Christmas Praise"</i>	Sonshine Ringers and Chancel Choir
<b>The Message</b>	<i>"Preparing for Jesus and Ministry"</i>	Pastor Jake Weber
<b>*Hymn of Dedication</b>	<i>"O Come, All Ye Faithful"</i> vs 1, 2, 3	UMH 234

### **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**

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\*Please stand if able

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