

# McCormick Methodist Church

## Communion Service for the Second Sunday After Christmas

January 4, 2025

10:00 AM

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### 5-Week Sermon Series "Jesus & The Light Bulb"

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prelude

Peggy Thomas

#### Lighting of Altar & Advent Candles

#### Call to Worship

Leader: As we enter into a New Year, we leave behind the old and pursue the new. A new hope, a new dream, and a new way. People of God, hear the good news, the savior of the world has been born. Let us call on the Lord!

**People: Come Lord Jesus! We are here to worship you!**

#### \*Hymn of Praise

*"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

UMH 211

#### The Lighting of the Christ Candle with Video

#### Response

*"Holy, Holy"* v. 1, 2, & 4

UMH 64

#### Prayers of the Church

Pastor Jake

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: For these blessings.

**People: We give you thanks!**

#### Prayer of Petition

Leader: Lord, through your power.

**People: Hear our prayer!**

#### Apostles Creed

#### Anthem Hymn

*"Help Us Accept Each Other"*

Lindy Stahlman & Choir

#### \*Scripture Reading

*Matthew 2:12-23*

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **\*Message**

*"Jesus, John, & a Surprise"*

By Pastor Jake

## **Reflective Song**

## **Holy Communion**

Holy Communion, also known as The Lord's Supper, The Last Supper, The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharist, is looked at as a sacrament where Christ is present. In communion, we remember God's saving work through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We have an open communion practice inviting all repentant folk to partake in this great celebration as a reminder of Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection. The future.

## **The Hymn of Blessing**

*"Take our Bread"*

UMH 640

## **Sharing of 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**

*"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* v. 1 & 4

UMH 89

## **Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Sending Forth:** May the God of love fill you with joy and peace. May the peace of Christ and the Holy Spirit fill your days with hope. Amen.

## **\*Postlude**

\*Please stand if you are able.

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