

First United Methodist Church

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December 14, 2025 — December 20, 2025

"3rd Sunday of Advent"

Usher/Greeter: Needed

Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin

Liturgist: James Gaffney

Youth's Worship: Natalie G./Needed

Altar Flowers: Poinsettias

Fellowship: Needed

Monthly Noisy Offering: God's Country Community Ministry

Monday (12/15) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM

Tuesday (12/16)

Wednesday (12/17)

Thursday (12/18)

Friday (12/19)

Saturday (12/20)

December 21, 2025 — December 27, 2025

"4th Sunday of Advent"

Usher/Greeter: Needed

Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin

Liturgist: Janet Helmbold

Youth's Worship: Natalie G./Needed

Altar Flowers: Poinsettias

Fellowship: Needed

Monthly Noisy Offering: God's Country Community Ministry

Monday (12/22) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM

Tuesday (12/23)

Wednesday (12/24) Christmas Eve Service, 7 PM / Office closed

Thursday (12/25) Christmas Day, Office closed

Friday (12/26) Office closed

Saturday (12/27)

Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study

12/14/25 Isa 35:1-10; Luke 1:46b-55; James 5:7-10; Matt 11:2-11

12/21/25 Isa 7:10-16; Ps 80:1-7, 17-19; Rom 1:1-7; Matt 1:18-25



Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Ron Williams, Char Crosby, Penny Tracy, Martha Weeks, Ted & Louise Burson, Ken & Cyndi Burgin, Mary Prater, Joel Prater, Jean Smith, Barbara Schneider, Phyllis Burge, Carol Weinert, Curt & Celie Norton, Lynn La Rose, Katie Putnam, Rita Salter, Sharon V. & Celie N.'s brother, Kerry Billings family concerns, Michael & Kathleen Haynes family concerns, Connie Meade, Sandi Kolder, Betty Tracy, Jesse Baker, travel mercies, church ministries, unspoken requests, our nation and world leaders.

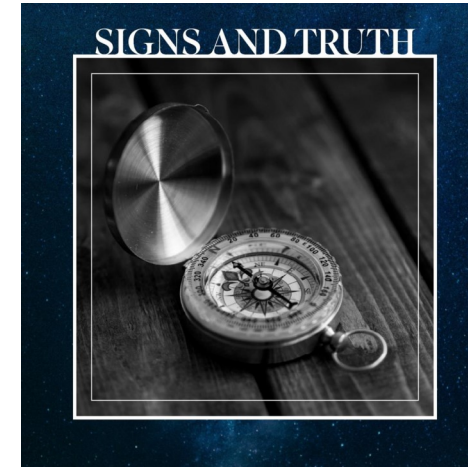


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December 14, 2025
“3rd Sunday of Advent”



WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE: The Gentle Shepherd by Sylvia Riggs

WELCOME—INVOCATION

PSALM 146:5-10

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING Rita Salter & Bette Jahn

***PRAISE CHORUS:** FWS 2090 (v. 3 verse, refrain, verse) Light the Advent Candle

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: An angel announced to Mary that she would conceive a child, even though she was a virgin, and that the Holy Spirit would come upon her. Mary submitted to God’s plan, and Jesus, our Savior, was born.

P: What an announcement that was, and what courage Mary must have had, for she could assume that she would be scorned and ostracized for having a baby out of wedlock. After all, who would believe her if she said she was having God’s son?

L: John the Baptist, born a few months before Jesus, was born to announce the coming of the Savior. He did so clearly, and he recognized that he was only the announcer, not the Holy One.

P: John carried out his responsibilities well, and told others that Jesus was coming. He, too, had courage, for his message was delivered in the wilderness by a man who lived off what little he could find there. He was not surrounded by rich, polished, socially important leaders of society to support him.

L: Today, who is to announce the Lord’s coming? Who will say “Here am I; send me!”?

P: Who indeed? It must be someone who knows what happened in Judea so long ago. Christians know. Should it be us? Do we have the courage of Mary, or of John the Baptist? Who will answer, “Send me!”?

***OPENING HYMN:** UMH 213 Lift Up Your Hands, Ye Mighty Gates

***APOSTLES’ CREED**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

YOUTH TIME

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** UMH 218 (v. 1,2,4) It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

***GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 11:2-11

SERMON: Signs and Truth

PRAYER TIME Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

PRAYER HYMN: FWS 2193 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY: He Is Born (French Carol) UMH 228

***DOXOLOGY:** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

CHRISTMAS CAROLS (from the red Hymnal) Congregation’s Choice

***CLOSING HYMN:** UMH 241 That Boy-Child of Mary

***BENEDICTION**

***PARTING HYMN:** UMH 224 (v.2) Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

POSTLUDE: Hark The Glad Sound by Stewart Landon

December Mission Noisy Offering—God’s Country Community Ministry

GCCM is in the eastern part of the U.P.; it covers a 2500 square mile area. Communities of faith combine their resources, share their faith and, through their active presence, work to bring self-esteem, hope and faith to all God’s children throughout their vast parish. These goals are accomplished by mission trips, *Bible* studies, youth activities, leadership and training events, mission projects and missionaries.

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