

First United Methodist Church

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December 7, 2025 — December 13, 2025

"2nd Sunday of Advent"

Usher/Greeter: Needed

Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin

Liturgist: Bette Jahn

Youth's Worship: Natalie G./Needed

Altar Flowers: Poinsettias

Fellowship: Needed

Monthly Noisy Offering: God's Country Community Ministry

Sunday (12/7) Festival of Lessons & Carols 3 PM, St. Francis deSales Church

Monday (12/8) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM

Tuesday (12/9)

Wednesday (12/10)

Thursday (12/11)

Friday (12/12)

Saturday (12/13) Bell Jingling at Tractor Supply Company

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)

Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study

12/7/25 Isa 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-7, 18-19; Rom 15:4-13; Matt 3:1-12

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



Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Char Crosby, Penny Tracy, Martha Weeks, Ted 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, our nation and world leaders, and unspoken requests.



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190 North Cedar St., Manistique, MI 49854

Pastor B.J. Ash

December 7, 2025

SIGNS AND STORIES



**"WE EXIST TO JOYFULLY SHARE GOD'S LOVE,
PREACH THE GOOD NEWS AND MAKE DISCIPLES."**



First United Methodist Church
December 7, 2025
“2nd Sunday of Advent”



WORSHIP	11AM
PRELUDE:	Sleep, O Lovely Child (Traditional Italian Carol) arr. C. Simone
WELCOME—INVOCATION	
PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19	
ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING	Janet Helmbold & Sharon Feichtenbiner
*PRAISE CHORUS: FWS 2090 (v. 2 verse, refrain, verse)	Light the Advent Candle
*CALL TO WORSHIP:	
L: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel.	
P: He alone does wondrous things.	
L: Blessed be His glorious name forever.	
P: May His glory fill the whole earth, now and forever!	
All: Amen and amen.	
*OPENING HYMN: UMH 61	Come, Thou Almighty King
*APOSTLES’ CREED	
*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST	
YOUTH TIME	
*HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH 217	Away in a Manger
*GOSPEL READING:	Matthew 3:1-12
SERMON:	Signs and Stories

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:	That Boy Child of Mary (UMH 241)
*DOXOLOGY:	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
*OFFERTORY PRAYER	
SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE II	
*CLOSING HYMN: UMH 251	Go, Tell It on the Mountain
*BENEDICTION	
*PARTING HYMN: (front cover of hymnal)	Go Now In Peace
POSTLUDE:	The First Noel (English Carol) by James Moffatt

The Altar Rail is always open to all.

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.

God is working through us. Thank you for your support!

Bell Jingers are needed for December 13th at TSC. Signup sheet is in the conference room.

* DENOTES CONGREGATION STANDING (AS ABLE)
* PLEASE BE SURE TO SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE