

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 21, 2025 — 11 A.M.

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| CHIMING OF THE HOUR | | Dr. Gregg Bunn, organ |
| A WORD OF WELCOME | | Rev. Ani Missirian-Wilson |
| VOLUNTARY | “Joy to the World” BUMC Ringers; Dr. Gregg Bunn, director | arr. Valerie Stephenson |
| *CALL TO WORSHIP | | |
| *PROCESSIONAL HYMN 240 | “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” | MENDELSSOHN |
| *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | | |
| *GLORIA PATRI 70 | “Glory Be to the Father” | MEINEKE |
| BAPTISMAL COVENANT | Dr. Davis Chappell and Rev. Jonathan Andersen Collins Ritchie Leigh Rammrath, child of Jillian & Taylor Rammrath | |
| *RESPONSE HYMN 611 | “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise” | STUTTART |
| ACT OF PRAISE | “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” BUMC Ringers; Dr. Gregg Bunn, director | arr. Cynthia Dobrinski |
| PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER | | Rev. Jonathan Andersen |
| PRAYER RESPONSE | “How Quietly Lie the Sheep” Chancel Choir; Beth Thomson & Charlie Whitlock, soloists; Eliot Hinson, piano; Mark Blankenship, director | Mark Blankenship |
| *SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 1:18-25 (NRSVUE) | | Paul Ferington |
| SERMON | “Embracing Love” | Dr. Davis Chappell |
| CALL FOR THE OFFERING | | Rev. Jonathan Andersen |

OFFERTORY "The First Noel" arr. Dan Forrest
Chancel Choir; Eliot Hinson, piano; Dr. Gregg Bunn, organ; Ryan Jones, director

***DOXOLOGY 94** "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" **LASST UNS ERFREUEN**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Rev. Jonathan Andersen

***INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP** Dr. Davis Chappell

***CLOSING HYMN 224** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" **IN DULCI JUBILO**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** "The First Noel" arr. Dan Forrest
Chancel Choir; Eliot Hinson, piano; Dr. Gregg Bunn, organ; Ryan Jones, director

POSTLUDE "Joy to the World " arr. David Cherwien
Dr. Gregg Bunn, organ

**stand as you are able*

Paraments: The color purple is a sign of royalty and welcomes the Advent of the King.

Acolytes: Everly Campbell & Poppy Rodgers

*The chancel flowers are presented to the glory of God by Debbie Denson Lloyd
in loving memory of her parents, Grace Denson & Rev. Elwood Denson, and her brother, Dr. Eddie Denson.*

SERMON REFLECTION

1. What are my biggest take-aways from the sermon?

2. What is God teaching me?

3. What from the sermon can I apply to my life this week?

4. When did I feel most uplifted?

5. When did I feel most unsettled?
