

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 21, 2025 — 8:30 A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Dr. Gregg Bunn, organ

A WORD OF WELCOME Rev. Ani Missirian-Wilson

VOLUNTARY “Joy to the World” arr. Valerie Stephenson
BUMC Ringers; Dr. Gregg Bunn, director

***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
Murphy Huges Tomeny, child of Mia & AJ Tomeny

***RESPONSE HYMN 611** “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise” STUTTART

ACT OF PRAISE “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
BUMC Ringers; Dr. Gregg Bunn, director

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER Rev. Jonathan Andersen

***SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 1:18-25 (NRSVUE)** Michael Thomas

SERMON “Embracing Love” Dr. Davis Chappell

CALL FOR THE OFFERING Rev. Jonathan Andersen

OFFERTORY “O Come, All You Unfaithful” arr. Travis Cottrell
Youth Choir; Eve Hickman, Hallie Mae Kirk, Willow Andrus,
and Dorothy Romans, soloists; Eliot Hinson, piano; Jenna Elsberry, 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**

“O Come, All You Unfaithful”

arr. Travis Cottrell

Youth Choir; Eliot Hinson, piano; Jenna Elsberry, 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: Sloan Godwin & CeCe Quinn

*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?
