Prayer Requests

Joys: Week of 12-14-25 – We lift in prayer the names of children who are on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary. Jesus loves the children! (Feel free to add children you know.) ...

Concerns: Week of 12-14-25 - Gerri Binette; Ruth Ellen Cooper; Sally Hamill; Juanita Howard; Pat Howard's daughter, Erin; Vicki Hunt; Leslie Oredson; Judy & Kim Riddlesworth; Janet Rummel's family; Faye and Larry West.

Ongoing prayers: Lisa Barnes; Gerri Binette; Nancy Campbell; Doug & Carolyn Drake; Carol Gove; Bobbi Holmes; Juanita Howard; Pat Howard's daughter, Erin; Sabine Kruse; Rev. Steve & Pam McNeal Laue; Gerald & Sharon Marchant; Tom & Donna Masterson; Maury & Rozanne Malaise; Sheryl Messenger; Sue Millenbaugh; Leslie Oredson & Phil; Kim & Judy Riddlesworth; Roy & Margaret Sims; Peggy Skok; Arline Slocumb; Faye Wests's friend, Bonnie; Larry West; Joanne Wilson.

Prayers for Friends and Family: Carolyn Garbacz's son, Brian; Juanita's Uncle Bill (age 108- in IN); Howick family friend, Diana; Dave & Vicki Hunt's son-in-law, Todd; Eileen Johnson's friend, Pastor Cathy (in MN); Jacque Laats' niece, Jaxon (In AK); Norma Lombardi's sister, Antoinette (age 99- in NY); Felisiya Macwan's family (in India); Jan Mill's sister, Greta (age 95 - in MO); Jan Mill's niece, Lettie (in MO); Andrea Muzzarelli's daughter, Heather (IL); Kathy N.'s mom's best friend, Juanetta (age 100 - in TX); KN's extended family, Dusty & Lisa (in TX); KN's cousins, John & Margaret Goldfinch (in TX); Kathi White's friend, Kathy; Faye West's brother & S-I-L, Ray & Lonnie West (in MN).

For Family and Loved Ones of the Following People (deceased): Eleanor Auseth (12-30-24); Larry Wiggs (1-1-25); Jean Jack (1-10-25); Marlene Shirley (1-31-25); Guenther Kruse (2-4-25); Charles DeWall (3-3-25); Tom Olsen (3-5-25); Barbara Schumate (3-8-25); S. Joan Johnson (3-11-25); Carol Hanes (4-4-25); Bill Hudson (4-13-25); Vivian Claussen (4-28-25); Dr. Millard Kimery (5-3-25); Elizabeth Flores (5-5-25); Walter Hopkins (6-13-25); Ione Bartells (6-18-25); Gary Kelley (6-27-25); Terry Locke (7-8-25); LeRoy Messenger (7-9-25); Jerome K. Johnson (7-16-25); Phyllis Russell (8-8-25); Aileah Carlson (8-15-25); Shane Hill (8-17-25); Helen Park (8-26-25); Beth Brashers (9-1-25); Ken Kraft (10-13-25); Kelly Quinn (10-28-25); Donna Doede (10-29-25); Norma Lawson (12-15-25).

Prayers for our Nation:

Isaiah 9:6-7 For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests on his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom, He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Luke 2:14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace and goodwill among people."

Our Military in Service: (** = serving overseas)

Air Force: SSgt. Kathryn Jones, SSgt. Kyler Sengsavath **

ANG: A1C Morgan Ailslieger, TSgt. Daryl Gladstein, TSgt. Malika Sengsavath

Army: Spec. Matthew Farris**, WO1 Wesley Meadows **

Marines: Cpl. Trayton Stewart

Navy: LCDR Brent Pavell, MM3 Nicholas Rinker, E-3 Echo Smith



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Service of Scripture, Prayer and Music

December 21, 2025, 10:30 am Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude "The Holly and the Ivy" Traditional arr. James Koerts

Welcome/Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting

Reader 1: Today we consider God, who is love. Elkanah is said to have loved his wife Hannah. He loved her beyond anything she could do for him.

Reader 2: Joseph took great care and consideration of Mary, and later Jesus. He treated her better than might have been expected of someone in his position.

Reader 1: "Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:8, 12-13.

Reader 2: We may say that for us, Christ is the reason for the season. And love is the reason for Christ. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." So the reason for the season is love. Let us show one another more consideration than is expected, let us be more generous. Let love be our guide. **Amen**

*Opening Carol Come Thou Long Expected Jesus UMH 196
Offering

Offertory "The Holly and the Ivy" arr. Anna Laura Page Celebration Choir with New Song Handbells

*Doxology	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH 94		
*Offertory Prayer				
Children's Message				
Lessons and Carols				

Scripture	Jeremiah 23:5-6	
Carol	Blessed Be the God of Israel	UMH 209 vv 1,2
Scripture	Isaiah 11:1-9	
Carol	Once in Royal Davids City	UMH 250 vv 1-3

Scripture Luke 1:26-38

Carol Hark the Herald Angels Sing UMH 240, vv 1, 3

Scripture Matthew 1:18-21
Carol What Child Is This? UMH 219, vv 1-3

Good News! Baptism of Sebastian Rojas

Song of Preparation Mary, Did You Know? Lowry & Greene

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

*Closing Carol O Come, All Ye Faithful UMH 234, vv 1, 3

*Benediction

*Postlude "Angels We Have Heard on High" arr. James Koerts

*Please stand as you are able

	Worship Service and Music	
Rev. Misty Howick		Chaplain Kathy Norris
Pastor		Pastoral Assistant
	Jeffrey Conger, Sue Wilson, Scott South	
Jeffrey Conger	& Joanne Croft – Praise Team	Alex Lunardi
Director of Music		Accompanist
	Liturgists: Kendra & Isaac Hoffman	