

Worship Participants

Linda Meloche, Mark VanDeWege, Staci Gatica,
Riannan VanDeWege, Connor VanDeWege

Joy Barrett

Randy Umfleet, piano

Janet Carson, piano

Brian Carson, guitar

Bill Orlowski, synth

Seth Campbell, bass

Wesley Fritzscheier, drums

Kaci Friss, vocals

This QR code will take you to the church events page on the website to see events and classes.



Next Sunday, December 7

9 & 11 am sanctuary worship; 11 am Parables worship
Communion and Faith In Action Food Drive.

See the blue bin (in the lobby) for the donation list.

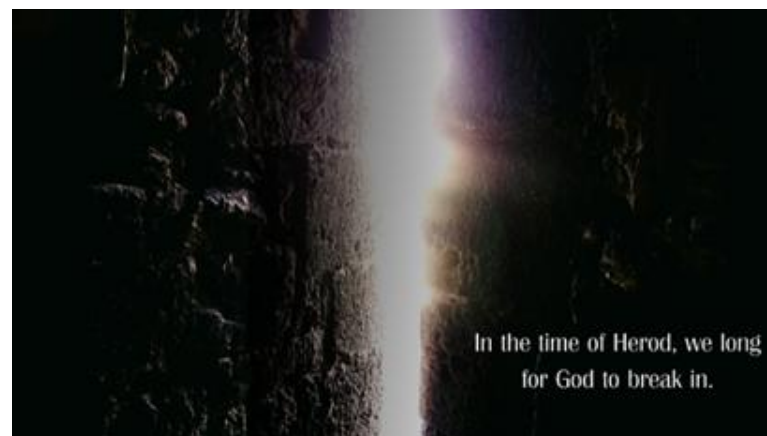
This Week

Sunday	10:15 am	Advent Craft
Monday	6:30 pm	Parent Group
		Hometown Holiday Rehearsal
	6:45 pm	Monday Night Bible Study
Tuesday	5:30 pm	Messy Church Leadership
	7 pm	The Quiet Center
Thursday	1 pm	Women's Advent Study

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9 am Worship

November 30, 2025



*In the Time of Herod,
We Long for God to Break In*
Scripture: Luke 1:5–13
Lamentations 3:55–57

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We invite you to participate in worship as we connect with God and each other. You are welcome to remain seated, stand, or move around, whichever you prefer.

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Prelude

Sing Unto God

Welcome

Candle Lighting – Hope

Leader: *Whether it's Sunday or Monday,
whether our day feels awesome or tough...*

All: God, we're here, and we're listening.

Leader: *In the morning when we wake up,
and at night when we're sleepy...*

All: God, come close to us.

Leader: *Here in this room, and everywhere we go...*

All: Surprise us with your love.

Leader: *Fill this place with good news and hope.*

Reader 1: *In a world full of fear, where do you see hope?*

**All: We see hope when we look at kids
and young people growing and learning.
We feel hope when we come together—
right here, right now.**

**We know hope deep inside us
when we imagine a world that's kinder
and more loving.**

Reader 2: *That's so true. Even when things feel hard
or uncertain, hope is still shining all around us.*

Reader 1: *Today we light the candle of Hope.
As the flame begins to glow, may it remind us
that God's light can never be put out.*

Reader 2: *Hope is here—with us, within us,
and all around us.
(Light Candle)*

All: With joy, we sing, we worship, we pray.

Opening Carol

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Gospel Reading

Invitation to Children and Youth for age-level groups

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Dear God, sometimes we really want to feel you close to us.
We want to know you're here,
even when the world feels messy or hard.
But we admit that we rush around a lot. We get distracted.
Our hearts wander off in a hundred directions.
Please forgive us when we forget to slow down.
Help us take a deep breath
and remember you're right here with us.
Just like in the days of Herod,
and even on the longest, darkest nights—
you never leave us. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Leader: *Family of faith,...*

Hear and believe the good news this Advent season:

**All: Nothing can keep God's love away.
We are seen. We are forgiven.
We are not alone. Amen.**

Solo

Prince of Peace

Scripture and Message

Response in Song

In the Time of Herod

Community Prayer

*Let us pray. We lean toward you—like trees leaning toward the
wind—and we bring you our prayers.*

First, our thank-yous:

*God, today we're grateful for all the wonderful things that take our
breath away... Sometimes it's hard to say just how thankful we are.
But God, we also bring you our sadness:*

Sending Song

Christ Be Our Light

Sending Music