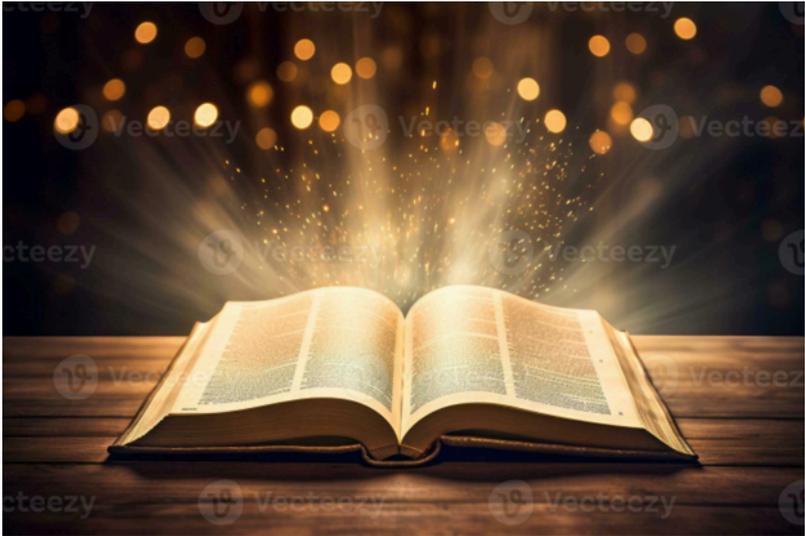


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December 7, 2025- 10:30 a.m.

Welcome All!

*We are pleased that you are worshipping with us
either*

on You Tube Live or in the Sanctuary

**Congregation, please stand if able*

PRELUDE

Tom Hoehn

Lighting of Advent Candle:

Lee Brede and Carolyn Teer

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rudy Hyde

Leader: Beloved, we gather to remember who we are, not who
the world tells us to be.

**People: We tell the story together of the day that all the
earth awaits.**

Leader: We recall the story of God's people, how God has
called us to live in peace and righteousness in a world full
of conflict and twisted morality.

**People: We tell the story together of the day that all the
earth awaits.**

Leader: We recount the story of our journey with God, the
moments of God's provision, God's prodding, and God's
prophetic guidance.

**People: We tell the story together of the day that all the
earth awaits.**

Leader: We gather to repent and return anew to God's story
that guides our lives to work for peace and flourishing for
all God's creation.

**People: We gather to tell the story of the day that all the
earth awaits.**

***OPENING HYMN**

No. 229

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Rudy Hyde

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Pastor Melissa**
Forgive us, O God, and reconnect us to the Holy Spirit, source of power and life. Merciful God, strip our hearts and minds of all that prevents our lives being firmly rooted in you.

A moment of silence with God for your personal prayer of confession.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Amen.**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS:
FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER**

YOUR GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Persistent God of new paths, we have been called to prepare the way—not with platitudes, but with changed hearts and lives. In this season of turning and anticipation, we offer these gifts as signs that we long to live by your story. In the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Tom Hoehn

***DOXOLOGY**

Scripture for Month of December

Psalm 29:11

The Lord gives STRENGTH to his People: He blesses them with PEACE.

Psalm 29:11

***NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Louise Humble

Matthew 3:1-12

Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Pastor Melissa

"Sign & Stories"

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

No.234

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vss. 1 & 2)

HOLY COMMUNION

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***100% of Your Second Mile Giving for December
Goes to give a Christmas gift for our Food Pantry***

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

No. 206

"I Want to Walk as a Child of Light"

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor: May the rough places in your life be made smooth.

People: May the valleys of despair be filled with comfort.

Pastor: May the door to your heart be wide open.

People: May the glory of Immanuel be with you all your days

Pastor: In the name of the Father, Son & and Holy Spirit.

People: Submit to God and God will bring the best out of you.

POSTLUDE

Tom Hoehn