

**Sunny Side United Methodist Church**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**December 7, 2025**

*We are so glad you are worshipping with us this morning! We hope you feel the love and peace of Christ in this place! If you have a prayer request or are a first-time guest, please complete a card from the pew rack in front of you and put it in the offering plate.*

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome and Call to Worship**

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth," says the Lord.

"I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

I will give water in the wilderness and rivers in the desert to give drink to my people that they might declare my praise."

**We come seeking your presence and your peace, O Lord.**

**May your Holy Spirit comfort, encourage, and sustain us.**

Let us worship Jesus, our Living Water, the Prince of Peace, who makes a way for us in the wilderness.

**\*Chiming of the Hour**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**Prelude**

**Tom Robinson**

*For your reflection: Be still, and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10*

**\*Hymn: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"**

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**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**Carrie, Charlie, and Laura Love**

**Response:** *Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His Name is called Emmanuel*

*God with us, revealed in us, His Name is called Emmanuel.*

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn: "Away in a Manger"**

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**Offertory**

**\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture:** Mark 1: 1-8, Matthew 4: 12-17 and 11: 2-6

**Message:** Peace in the Wilderness

**Rev. JoAn Kinrade**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Prayer after Receiving**

**Loving God, with renewed courage, renewed hope, renewed conviction and your peace that passes all human understanding, send us out into the world. Help us to stay grounded in your peace, even in the wilderness of our lives. In the Name of Jesus, our Prince of Peace, Amen.**

**\*Hymn: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

\*You are invited to stand at this point in the service, as you are able.  
Please silence cell phones during the worship service.

**Serving in Worship**

Organist:

Jonna McRae

Pianist:

Tom Robinson

Choir Director:

Dr. Kay Wideman

Acolytes:

Carrie Love, Olivia Love, and Charley Kendrew

Ushers:

Richard Overley, Don Smith

Sound and Livestream:

Charlie Love, Janice Kulp,

Skylan Cavender, Taegin Montgomery

**Pastoral Care:** Rev. JoAn Kinrade, [joan.kinrade@ngumc.net](mailto:joan.kinrade@ngumc.net)

**Prayer Requests:** Gwen Lansing's Aunt Vicki, for those traveling during the holiday season, Robin Sims' daughter Heather (surgery Monday), Jonna McRae, Judith Crowther, Vivian Locke's daughter Laura, Don Smith, Cherrie Dunning, Bennie Watson, Debby Thompson, Bunny Fulton, Susan and Bob Francis, Carl and Rosalyn Hayes, Dave and Carol Sparks.

**For your Calendars:**

Wednesday, Dec 10

Choir Practice, **6:45pm**

Saturday, Dec 13

United Women in Faith Christmas Brunch **10:30am**

Sunday, Dec 14

Choir Warm-up, **10am**

Special Christmas Cantata during worship, **11am**

Tuesday, Dec 16

Cemetery Trust Committee Meeting, **6pm**

Wednesday, Dec 17

Food Pantry, volunteers report at **8:15am**

Choir Practice, **6:45pm**

Saturday, Dec 20

Distribution of Christmas Turkey Boxes, **8-11am**

Wednesday, Dec 24

Christmas Eve Service, **6pm**

**Join us for a new Bible Study in the New Year!**

Beginning Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026,

we will be doing a 10-week Old Testament study.

Please order your own book and read Week 1 in preparation for our first meeting. The Lamb of God: Seeing Jesus in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, & Deuteronomy, by Nancy Guthrie, published by Crossway Books.