

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

BLESSING

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ Child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

(The candles are extinguished)

SENDING HYMN *Go Tell It on the Mountain* #290

POSTLUDE

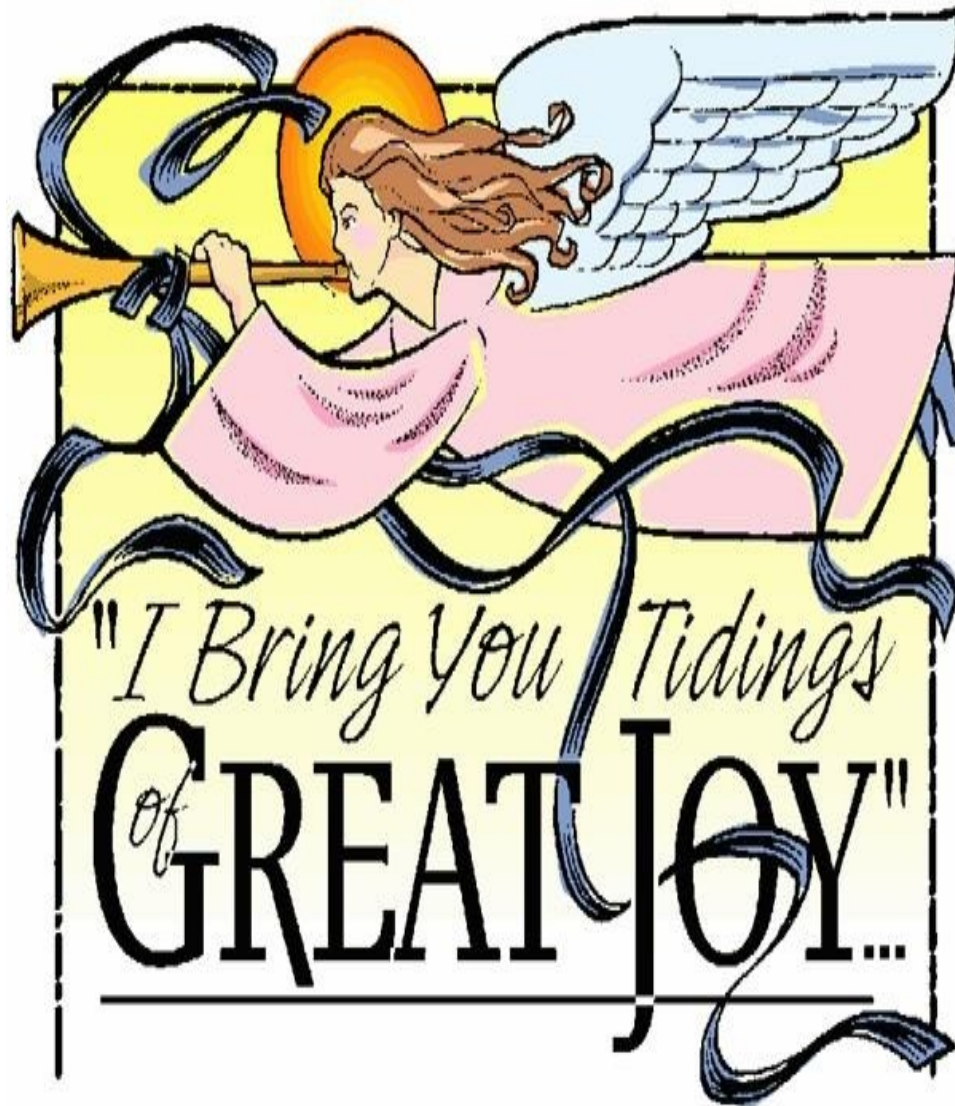
The electric candles being used tonight are a memorial gift given in memory of Marilyn Sheahan by her family.

Today's Worship Assistants

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December 24, 2025

5:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

PRELUDE

CHRISTMAS DIALOG & GREETING

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.
We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.
In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

May the grace and truth of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray. Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of His glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *see insert*
The Nickerson/ Lubkeman families

READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

SPECIAL MUSIC *Christmas Peace Canon*

READING: Micah 5:2-5a

HYMN *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* #270

A TELLING OF THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL: Luke 2: 1-20

HYMN *Away in the Manger* #277

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOMILY

OFFERING *Love Has Come* #292

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray. Glory to God in the highest
And peace to God's people on earth.

Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.
Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.

Blessed are you, Wonderful Counselor. You enlighten the heart with steadfast love.
Enliven your church that it might bear good tidings of great joy to all people.

Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.
Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.

Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.
Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world.

HYMN OF LIGHT *Silent Night, Holy Night!* #281
(The candles are lit)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**