

GOOD TO KNOW

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Office Hours: Wed. & Thurs. 10am-4pm
Bulletin deadline is 10 AM Wednesdays.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Pre-K to Grade 5 during worship.

JR/SR HIGH (Grades 6 to 12) meets 10:45 - 11:45am the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month (in Fry Hall). Leader, Brad Delans.

Adult Sunday School 11:15am (Meets in the McCombe Room.)

*In case of bad weather, check the local TV stations, CNYcentral.com, or our Facebook page, to see if we've closed the office or cancelled service.

Mitten Tree. Our Mitten Tree is up. We're collecting hats, scarves and gloves and mittens of *all sizes*. Hand-made are also great! Donations will be donated to the less fortunate. Questions? Contact Sherry Hale. (315.682.5476 or shrel47@gmail.com).

Thank you! to everyone who donated for the special Christmas Mission for the local refugee children from Nepal and Bhutan.

PIANO CONCERT TODAY at the First Baptist Church, 2p featuring Michael Buskey. Free admission. All are welcome.

JR/SR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL meets TODAY from 10:45-11:45a.

Please join us for our Christmas Eve Candle-lighting service, December 24 at 5pm



Please pray for -

Family and friends of Jim Hariff, Bruce C., Family of Ray Bishop, Ray and Pat L., Ken & Phyllis D., Jane and Andy H., Barb K., Jim F., drivers for Meals on Wheels, Ben M., Joseph M., Mark J., Mark L., Jennifer H. & family, Lee H., Kathy M., Jennifer & Jim T., Eva C., Suzanne T., Jessica U., those who are hungry, grieving, lonely, dealing with illness, caregivers, the homeless, food pantries, our country, world peace, and other unnamed prayers.

Lord, thank you for hearing our prayers and for our many blessings. Help us to be a blessing to others.

* If you have a prayer request, or would like a visit, please let Pastor Joseph know. (315-530-8568 or jkim1107@gmail.com).

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MANLIUS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 21, 2025~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We're glad you joined us this morning. In this time of worship, may you find comfort, encouragement, hope, and peace in the promise of the Holy Spirit.

Nursery care is available for ages infant - 2 years old.

*Please stand as you are able.

(L: Leader, P: People)



THE PRELUDE

Christmas Fantasy

arr. Diane Bish

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The signs are all around us—God's love comes again in the light of Christ.

P: O Lord God of hosts, let your face shine, that we may be saved.

L: With expectant hearts, we marvel at the faith of Mary and Joseph.

P: O Lord God of hosts, let your face shine, that we may be saved.

L: The time is near. God is at work among us. Let us worship with hope and praise!

P: O Lord God of hosts, let your face shine, that we may be saved.

*THE SONG OF WORSHIP

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

#213

***THE PRAYER OF APPROACH TO THE THRONE OF GOD**
Holy God, in this season of hope and love, fill us with joy and peace. As you guided Mary and Joseph, shine your light on our hearts, that we may see your signs and trust your leading. Prepare us to welcome Emmanuel, your peace and light for our world. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Patrick & Sandy O’Connor

Reader 1: Today, we come face to face with the scandal of Advent: Mary, the unmarried mother; God Incarnate growing in Mary’s womb as a vulnerable baby; Joseph contemplating leaving Mary because of her pregnancy; God’s love at work in ways that society and propriety could not understand; God calling Mary and Joseph to faithfulness despite the fear of disgrace.

All: With Mary and Joseph, we choose to wait, watch, and listen for the way of Love instead of responding in fear to the world’s judgment.

(Lighting the candles of HOPE, PEACE and JOY.)

Congregation: God invites us to receive the promise of God’s salvation and the sustenance of God’s mercy and grace, enabling us to live the promise as God-bearers to the world. As Christ was born in Bethlehem, so too we answer God’s invitation to have Christ born among us today and every day.

Reader 2: We light this candle of LOVE as a sign of our faithfulness as we seek, find, and follow Emmanuel, God with us. (Lighting the candle of **LOVE**.)

ALL SING *Advent Song*, vs. 4 & chorus TFWS 2090

Let us pray together.

ALL: Loving God, we thank you for your gift of love - shown to us perfectly in Jesus Christ our Lord. Help us prepare our hearts to receive Him. Bless our worship. Help us to hear and do your word. We ask it in the name of the one born in Bethlehem. Amen.

CHILDREN’S TIME

THE INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Leader
On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we remember the love of God made known in Christ. As Mary offered her “yes” and Joseph offered his faithful trust, we now bring our gifts to God. Let us give with grateful hearts, sharing the love and light of Christ with our world.

THE OFFERING *Away In a Manger* (Sing during offering) #217

***THE DOXOLOGY** (To the tune of *The First Noel*) Screen

***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
Lord of Heaven, accept these gifts from our hearts, that they may fulfill the purposes of your people. As Christ’s light shines upon us, we rejoice in the opportunity to share our abundance with others. Bless these offerings to the Christ child and to our resurrected Lord.
**Children ages 3-grade 5 are dismissed to their activities.*

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 1:18-25

THE MESSAGE THE MAN AT THE MANGER Rev. Joseph Kim

THE SONG OF REFLECTION *Love Came Down at Christmas* #242

THE PRAISE REPORT *Lord, we give you praise.*
THE PRAYER REQUESTS *Lord, hear our prayer.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (spoken) #895

*** THE SONG OF SENDING FORTH** *The First Noel* #245

***THE BENEDICTION**
L: Go in faith and anticipation of the greatest gift of all.
P: We go to follow Christ, the Light of the world.
L: Christ restores us to love, hope, and peace.
P: Emmanuel is with us now and always.
L: Encouraged by faithful obedience, let us await the days ahead.
P: We go in joy to share the good news of God’s love.
ALL: Amen. All sing: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* refrain only #234

THE POSTLUDE *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* Setting, John Carter
(*Please remain in the pews during the postlude.)

We’re so glad you came and hope that you enjoyed worshipping with us. Our prayer is that you find the presence of God here and a spirit of friendliness and warmth. We invite you to join us for fellowship following the service. Please feel free to contact us if you are so led.

Participating in Our Service Pastor: Rev. Joseph Kim Organist: Cathy Koch
Liturgist: Sandy O’Connor A/V Tech.: David Soergel Greeter: Harry Hale
Ushers: Sandra O’Connor, Becky Soergel

Please see back for important messages.