

**Prelude** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light", arr. Hayes Amy Enloe

**Introit** "Prepare Ye", Schwartz Drew Lewis, Jen Messaros, Amy Enloe

### Welcome/Announcements

**\*Call to Worship** Seth Skidmore

Leader: In this season of prophecy, promise, and preparation, we come to be renewed and refreshed.

**People: We come to be inspired by stories of a messiah who will change the world—and change us.**

Leader: We come to listen for words of hope and joy, promise and challenge.

**People: We come with open ears, open minds, and open hearts. We come to receive the blessings God has in store for us in this season of waiting.**

Leader: Come! Let us worship our God—the One who brings all things to fulfillment.

**\*Opening Hymn** "Come, Thou Almighty King" 61 UMH

**\*Candle Lighting** Seth Skidmore

TFWS 2090 Light the advent candle one: now our waiting has begun; we have started on our way, time to think of Christmas day. Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night; candle, candle burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

### Advent Prayer

**God of hope and encouragement, we come in the midst of this season of busyness and preparations: to find a time and space to slow down, to reflect on what our true preparations should be. We need to prepare our hearts to receive the gifts of love and hope. We need to prepare our minds to focus on your promise that a messiah will come and nothing will be the same. We need to prepare our spirits: to praise God for prophecy, promises, and preparation; to find hope and encouragement; to find peace and joy. May we do so now, in our time of worship. Amen.**

**Children's Moments** Seth Skidmore

228 UMH He is born, the holy Child, play the oboe and bagpipes merrily! He is born, the holy Child, sing we all of the Savior mild.

**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. 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. Amen.

**Special Music** "Cherry Tree Carol" Phil and Judy Giebe

**Scripture Reading** Isaiah 11:1-10 Seth Skidmore

**Hymn** "In the Bleak Midwinter" 221 UMH

**Ministry Moment** Phil Giebe

**Joys & Concerns** Seth Skidmore

Morning Prayer Drew Lewis

### Thanking God with Our Offerings

Offertory "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel", arr. Tornquist Amy Enloe

\*Doxology, Offertory Prayer

**Sermon** Pastor Rick Jones

**\*Closing Hymn** "Soon and Very Soon" 706 UMH

### \*Benediction

**Postlude** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus", arr. Tornquist Amy Enloe

\*Indicates standing. If you have difficulty standing, please feel free to remain seated.

### Participating in Worship Today:

Lead Pastor

Pastor Rick Jones

Keyboard

Amy Enloe

Liturgist

Seth Skidmore

Children's Message

Seth Skidmore

### Weekly at OUMC:

Sundays: 9:30am Coffee House discussion

Mondays: 6:30pm Christian Craft Circle

Wednesdays: 7pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays: 5:45 pm Bible Study temporarily on hiatus

Everyone is welcome to attend any of these small groups

Wi-Fi: Network: OUMC Main, Password: 2025OUMCguest

**Church Office Hours: Mon. 9-12, Tues.-Thurs. 9-3**

[Oumc-assist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Oumc-assist@sbcglobal.net)

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We are a North Star Congregation of the West OH Conference.  
We Welcome all those looking for a new church family.

Vanco Online Giving:



**Christmas Eve Service**  
**December 24, 6 pm**

**Lakewoods Meal**  
**Saturday, December 20**



**Nurture Team Fellowship Lunch**  
**Sunday, December 7**  
**Appetizers/Favorite Cookies**



**Winter James Bags**  
**Please donate:**  
**peanut butter crackers**  
**water bottles**

**Dakota Center**  
**Christmas Bags**  
**blessing Dec. 14**



**It's time to order a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of someone.**  
**Christmas Poinsettias for the Sanctuary - \$10**  
**(Last date to order is Dec. 7)**



How many plants? \_\_\_\_\_

Provided by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

**You may take your poinsettia home with you after the  
Candlelight Service on the 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.**

Poinsettias will be  
in the Sanctuary  
beginning Dec.  
14. Dedications  
will be listed in the  
bulletin.

*Please provide  
payment with your  
order. Make checks  
payable to OUMC. You  
may also order through  
our Vanco app.*



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 7, 2025 10:30am Worship



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**online or in person**  
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