

## Welcome & Invocation

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 122)

One: As the dawn breaks on this new season, we ask  
God to shine God's light upon us that we may walk in  
God's ways.

**All: We have answered God's call;  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"**

One: Though the days may be hard, and the news  
often grim, we pray for ourselves and for one  
another,

**All: "Peace be within your walls.  
Peace be within you."**

One: In this time of expectation and waiting,  
we join together in prayer and praise.

**All: "For the sake of our God,  
we will seek all that is good!"**

Hymn            O Come, O Come, Emmanuel        #116

Advent Candle Lighting

Prayer

**O God, we thank you for sending the Prince of  
Peace into our world. Show us how to spread the  
light of your peace in a world torn with conflict so  
that wounds may be healed, divisions may be  
turned into community, and the clenched fist of  
anger may become the open hand of welcome.  
Amen.**

Scripture        Isaiah 2:1-5  
Sermon

Hymn            Isaiah the Prophet                    #108

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Christmas Fund Offering  
Prayer of Dedication

**We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have built us up in faith and bound us together in love. By your grace, may all that we do show the glory of your name and serve the good of your people. Amen.**

Announcements

Hymn                      Hark! The Herald Angels Sing                      #144

Blessing

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*I know God has yet more light and truth to break forth from God's holy Word.                      - John Robinson, 1623*

*There is a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in.                      - Leonard Cohen*

*Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.                      - Bishop Desmond Tutu*

### **Keep in Prayer**

Ethan Schafer, Pastor Wayne,  
Lewis Poths, Linda Stark, Rollie Homan,  
Jane Sanders (sister of Jean King),  
Mike Hamer (brother of Val Ball),  
Lonnie Hall (friend of Brandon Stewart)  
Our Shut-ins: Eloise, Allen, Carol, Joan

**Offering:** May be left in the basket in the back.

### **Announcements**

**Worship Sponsor:** Lisa Sparks

**Today, 6pm, Concession at 5:30pm**  
Basket Auction at St. John's UCC

**Ally Support Group, Tuesday, 6:30pm**

**Friday, December 5, 6:00pm**  
Christmas Dinner – Please Sign Up

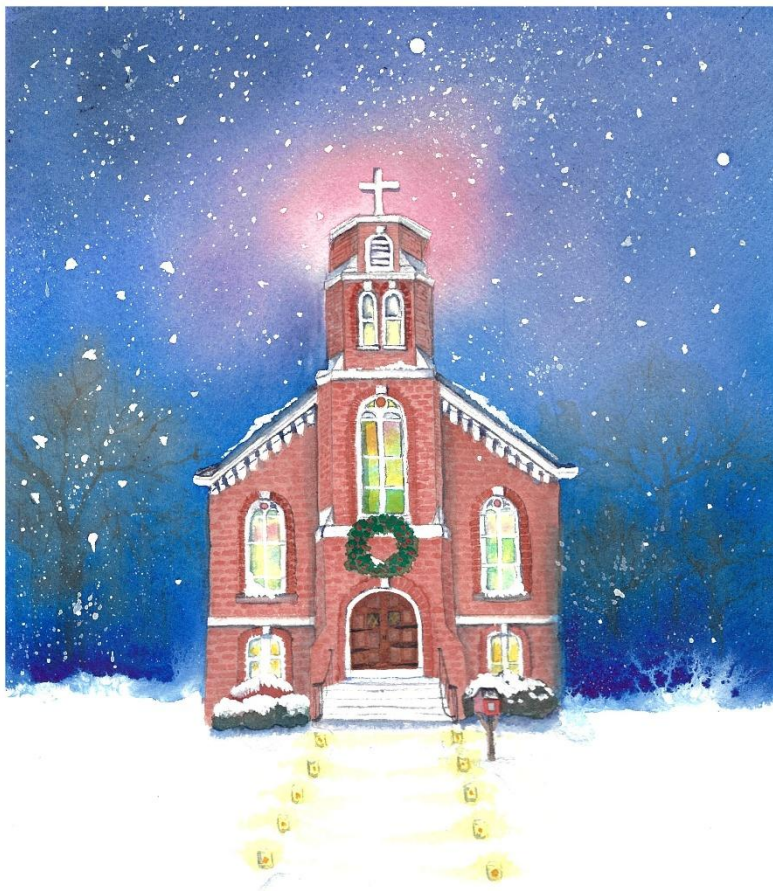
**Christmas Eve Worship**  
Candlelight and Communion, 4:00pm

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