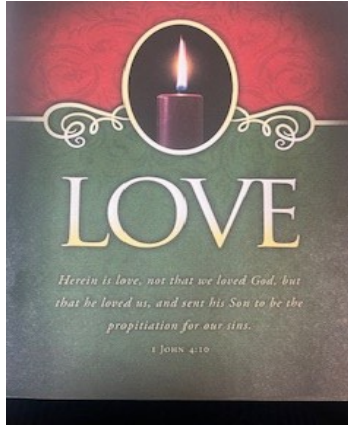


Order of Worship for December 7, 2025



“Faith United Methodist Church’s mission is to share God’s love and encourage others through worship and service to our community and beyond.”

Prelude: “Savior of the Nations Come” by Martha Sobaje

Welcome & Announcements— Please join us after the service for fellowship & coffee

Lighting the Advent Candles—The Jackson, McCarron and Skibel families

***Opening Hymn “Blessed be the God of Israel” #209 UMH**

***Call to Worship (Isaiah 40:3)**

L: A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord”

C: make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

***Illumination Prayer**

Eternal God, in your providence you made all ages a preparation for the kingdom of your Son. Make ready our hearts for the brightness of your glory and the fullness

of your blessing in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

Scripture Reading Matthew 3:1-12 pg. 2 NT in pew Bible

3 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’ ”

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, ⁹and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

This is the Word of God for the people of God...**Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem *“Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice” by Carl P. Daw, Jr.*

Sermon: “Prepare the way of the Lord”

Offertory Hymn “ O Little Town of Bethlehem ” by Dennis Janzer

Offering / Doxology

Offering Prayer

Communion Hymn “As We Gather at Your Table” #2268 TFWS

Communion See Screen

***Closing Hymn** “ Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates ” #213 UMH

Benediction

Postlude “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” by Edward W. Beals

Joys and Concerns [Please Note: This is our time to share prayers of joy and concern with one another offline]

Pastoral Prayer

Bold means in unison * Means please stand if able

TFWS—The Faith We Sing UMH—United Methodist Hymnal

WORSHIP TEAM

Worship Leader: Pastor KC

Liturgist: Jiwoo Chang

Music Director: Roger LaCross

Stream Team: Jackson Skibel

Counters: Joan Forgie & Joy Jackson

Jisung Chang

Greeter: Bette Lacey

Helper Extraordinaire: Jiwon Chang

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WELCOME TO FAITH

We welcome everyone because we all need God in our lives!

We extend a warm welcome to those who could use a prayer right now and to those of you who are visiting, Welcome to Faith UMC!