

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD Sunday, December 5, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Darcy Young

*Call to Worship

Joyce Lasch

Call to Worship

Leader: The angel came to Mary, saying, “Fear not, for you have found favor with God.”

People: We lift our hearts in awe and wonder.

Leader: The Spirit will come upon you, and the child will be called holy—the Son of God.

People: We rejoice in God’s promise of salvation.

Leader: Blessed is the Lord, who makes the impossible possible.

People: Let us worship and praise the God of hope and grace!

*Praise Songs

Praise Band

Prayer

Joyce Lasch

God of wonder, God of light, we rejoice in Your holy might. You called Mary, pure and mild, to bear Your Son, Your holy Child. Come, Spirit, fill our hearts today, and guide us in Your faithful way. Lord Jesus, shine in us anew, and help us live in hope and truth. In the name of Jesus, Your Son, we pray. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Bernie Cowan & Karen Meyers

Anthem: “How Great Is Our God”

Choir

Children’s Moment

Pastor Sung Ho Lee

*Hymn: “Angels We Have Heard on High”

UMH 238 (vv. 1,3)

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-35

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²⁶ When Elizabeth was six months pregnant, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a city in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin who was engaged to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David’s house. The virgin’s name was Mary. ²⁸ When the angel came to her, he said, “Rejoice, favored one!

The Lord is with you!” ²⁹ She was confused by these words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said, “Don’t be afraid, Mary. God is honoring you. ³¹ Look! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great and he will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father. ³³ He will rule over Jacob’s house forever, and there will be no end to his kingdom.”

³⁴ Then Mary said to the angel, “How will this happen since I haven’t had sexual relations with a man?”

³⁵ The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come over you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the one who is to be born will be holy. He will be called God’s Son.

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message: Fear Not

Pastor Sung Ho Lee

The People Bring Their Gifts

The baskets will be passed or you may use the UMCL app

*“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 95

Holy Communion

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Joyce Lasch

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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn: “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

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*Benediction

Postlude

*please stand if you are able