



# A Thrill of HOPE

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Prayer candles are available at the communion rail  
Financial gifts may be made in the wooden offering boxes  
Please silence your electronic devices

## THE GATHERING & CARILLON PRELUDE

## THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*O Come, O Come* Christopher Dazey  
*Emmanuel*

## THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

**THE ENTRANCE HYMN\*** W&S #3047  
*God Almighty, We Are Waiting*

## THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION\*

Holy God, you promised to do great things for us,  
yet we do not trust you.  
You extend your mercy to us,  
yet we do not trust you.  
You lift up the humble,  
you fill the hungry with good things,  
and yet we still do not trust you.  
Forgive us,  
and help us to trust in the promises you  
have given us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.  
AMEN.

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*

*Pastor*  
Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were  
yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the  
name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

AMEN.

**THE ADVENT RESPONSE\*** UMH #206  
*Refrain of I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

## THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**THE GOSPEL LESSON**  
Luke 1: 39 - 55

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
*Pastor*  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC** Joel Raney  
*Run to Bethlehem*

**THE THANKSGIVING & DOXOLOGY\***  
UMH #219 (verse 3)

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**  
Micah 5: 2 - 5a

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD** UMH #230  
*O Little Town of Bethlehem* vss. 1 - 2

**THE MESSAGE** Reverend Don Ackerman  
*Chains Shall He Break*

**THE CLOSING HYMN\*** UMH #200  
*Tell Out My Soul*

## THE BENEDICTION\*

**THE POSTLUDE** Pietro Yon  
*Creator of the Stars of Night*

\* - Please stand as you are able  
UMH - The United Methodist Hymnal  
W&S - Worship & Song

Happy  
Birthday

12/22 — Wilbur Klotz,  
Nancy Newhouse,  
Nancy Pierson  
12/28 — Karen Zotta,  
Steve Shoop

### PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Terry Hogue  
*Liturgist*

The Reverend Don Ackerman  
*Pastor*

#### **The Crossroads Choir**

Beth Polen, *Director of Music Ministries & Flautist*

#### **The Crossroads Handbell Choir**

Karen Zotta, *Director*

Christopher Dazey  
*Organist, Pianist & Carillonneur*

### TODAY AT CROSSROADS

Oatmeal Breakfast  
6:30 am - Wesley Hall

Bible Study  
9:00 am - Wesley Hall

Worship  
10:00 am - Sanctuary

New Vision Lunch  
1:00 pm - Wesley Hall

Men of Tomorrow  
3:00 pm - Youth Room and Gymnasium

### CHURCH CLOSED

*Our church office and building will be closed Thursday, Dec 26 & Friday, Dec 27 for Christmas*

# Christmas Eve at

4:30 PM - Organ & Brass Prelude

5:00 PM - Service in the Sanctuary

7:00 PM - Christmas Eve Online -  
Facebook & YouTube



CANTON, OHIO  
**CROSSROADS**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Tuesday, December 24, 2024

Featuring the Camarada Brass  
and our Crossroads Festival Choir and Handbell Choir

To help keep our sacred space clean, at the conclusion of the service,  
please return this bulletin to one of the wooden tables located throughout the sanctuary

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