

ADVENT

Therefore you also must be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect

-Matthew 24: 44



Sunday, November 30, 2025

*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

Wachet Auf JS Bach
(Wake, Awake) Text & Tune at UMH# 720

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

THE ENTRANCE HYMN* UMH #211
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel vss. 1 - 4

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

Holy One,
the dawn of a new time of preparation
is upon us.
You call us to wake from sleep,
to become aware of our surroundings.
Forgive us when sleepiness takes its toll,
when our discussions become battles,
when our judgment and self-judgement
outweigh our faith.
Let us put on the light of Christ,
and live as You have called us in
respect, in mutual dialogue and in
healthy living.
Help us so that everything we do reflects
Christ's light.
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 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
Isaiah 2: 1 - 5

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

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC Frombach & Pethel
Advent Calls

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON
Matthew 24: 36 - 44

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD UMH #551
Awake, O Sleeper vss. 1 - 2, 5

THE MESSAGE The Reverend Don Ackerman
Stay Awake For Peace

THE CLOSING HYMN* W&S #3048
View the Present Through the Promise

THE BENEDICTION*

THE POSTLUDE Paul Manz
Sleepers, Wake Text & Tune at UMH# 720

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

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Reverend Don Ackerman
Pastor

Becky Hall
Liturgist

Julie Smith
Director of Children's Ministries

The Crossroads Choir
Beth Polen, *Director of Music Ministries*

Christopher Dazey
Organist, Pianist & Carillonneur

THANK YOU!

*Thanks to our volunteer bakers
for providing MANY cookies
for the meals served
on Thanksgiving Day
at the North Canton Church of Christ!*

Happy
Birthday

11/30 — Harold Walters
12/2 - Margot Keller
12/7 - Jeanne Barr

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS EVE POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias are now available for \$10
Order forms are located on the wooden tables
throughout the sanctuary

Forms must be received by **Wednesday, December 17**
for publication in the Christmas Eve Bulletin

NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTMAS SHOP

Saturday, December 13
**You can support the Christmas Shop
these three ways:**

-We are collecting children's hats, mittens & gloves!
Please use the donation box found at the church office

-See Renee Lilly if you can volunteer in person

-Use our gift wishlist on Amazon at this URL:
cantonforallpeople.org/amazon

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, December 24

Our traditional candlelight service at 5:00 pm
Featuring the Camarada Brass
along with our Christmas Festival Choir and organ
Music begins at 4:30 pm

Oatmeal Ministry Gift Bags

Both men's and women's socks
and individually-wrapped candy
are needed for our annual Christmas gift bags!
Please have your donations in on or before December 14!



United Women in Faith Christmas Banquet

INSTEAD OF OUR USUAL MEETING AT DENNY'S,
JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL BANQUET AT BAKER'S

Saturday, December 6
2:30 PM

Baker's Cafe 33
1927 Stark Ave SW
Canton, OH 44706

Call Nancy Davis
For a Reservation

ALL WOMEN
ARE WELCOME

SIGN UP FOR OUR EMAIL NEWSLETTER
The Crossroads Chronicle Weekly

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CELEBRATE
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
& A NEW MINISTRY

Welcome Mary Jo Yeakel
Sunday, January 11, 2026 - 10:00 am

CROSSROADS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

120 Cleveland Ave SW - Canton, OH 44702

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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