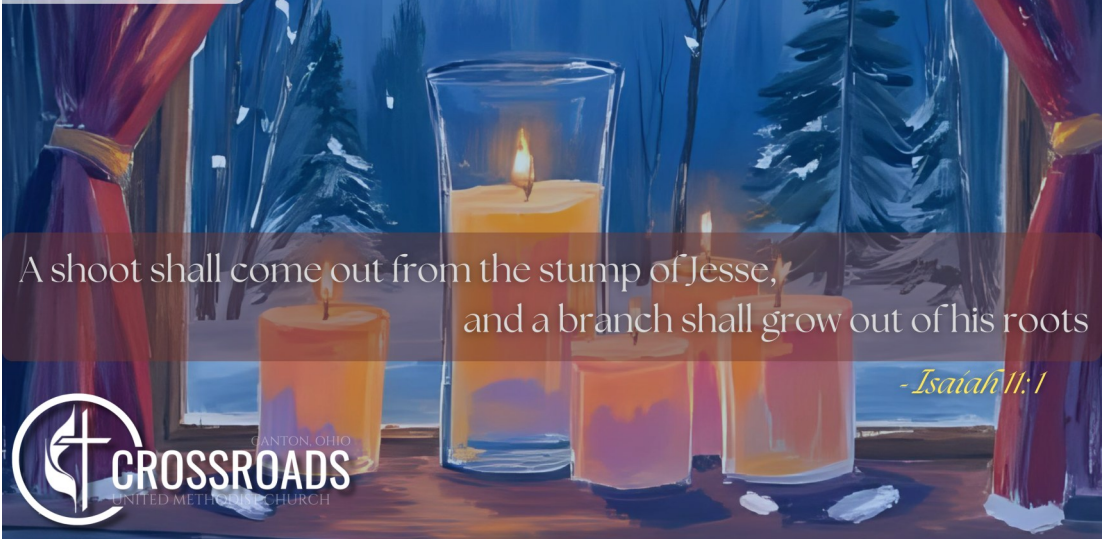


ADVENT



Sunday, December 7, 2025
10:00 am



120 Cleveland Ave SW
Canton, OH 44702

cantonforallpeople.org

Our service begins with a carillon prelude at 9:45 am

*You are invited during this time to make your financial offering
in one of the wooden offering boxes located at the center of the sanctuary*

Please silence your electronic devices before the service begins

** - Please stand as you are able*

UMH - The United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS - The Faith We Sing

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE GATHERING & CARILLON PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Courante from Cello Suite no. 1

by JS Bach
Played by Josh Williams

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

***THE ENTRANCE HYMN**

Blessed Be the God of Israel

UMH no. 209

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

UMH no. 882

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

***THE ADVENT RESPONSE**

UMH no. 206 (Refrain only)

*In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The Lord's Prayer will be said during the liturgy of the Eucharist

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 11: 1 - 10

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

O Come, Emmanuel

Setting by Elaine Hagenberg
Sung by the Crossroads Choir

THE THANKSGIVING & *DOXOLOGY

UMH no. 219 - Verse 3

*So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.*

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3: 1 - 12

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

TFWS no. 2089

Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

THE MESSAGE

The Reverend Don Ackerman

The Axe and the Shoot

THE INVITATION & CONFESSION

UMH page 12

Pastor

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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!

Glory to God. AMEN.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH page 13

Pastor

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Pastor

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you...

...And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

cont.

...And so, in remembrance of the your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH no. 895

Pastor

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**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, and the power, and the glory, forever.
AMEN.**

***THE RECEIVING OF THE EUCHARIST**

All are welcome to receive communion at the Lord's table

***THE CLOSING HYMN**

UMH no. 203

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

***THE BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE

Setting by Johann Pachelbel

Von Himmel Hoch

(From Heaven Above to Earth I Come)

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Ron Leonard
Liturgist

The Reverend Don Ackerman
Pastor

Julie Smith
Director of Children's Ministries

The Crossroads Choir

Beth Polen
Director of Music Ministries

Josh Williams
Cellist

Christopher Dazey
Organist, Pianist & Carillonneur



TODAY
& Sunday, December 21
11:15 am
Conference Room

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS 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 to be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin

NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTMAS SHOP

THIS Saturday, December 13

*Donate children's hats, gloves and scarves (donation box at the church office),
see Reneé Lilly if you can volunteer in person,
or 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 with our Christmas festival choir and organ
Music begins at 4:30 pm

Oatmeal Ministry Gift Bag

*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 NEXT SUNDAY, December 14!

WARMING SHELTER

ST. PAUL AME CHURCH
1800 E. TUSC., 44707

BEGINNING MONDAY, DEC. 1
8:00 PM TO 8:00 AM

GUESTS WILL BE ADMITTED ON A FIRST COME,
FIRST SERVED BASIS. SPACE IS LIMITED.
FOOD AND WATER AVAILABLE.

USE SARTA ROUTE 107 IF NEEDED.



Happy Birthday

12/7 - Jeanne Barr
12/9 - Nancy Stewart,
Michael Woodruff
12/10 - Ed Fashbaugh,
John Drumm, Julie Smith,
Hannah Detchon
12/11 - Charles Monat
12/14 - Thomas Syler

CELEBRATE

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD & A NEW MINISTRY

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



CANTON, OHIO
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