

## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

**PRELUDER** "What Child Is This?" Zach & Elise Sweger

**POSTLUDE** "Angels From the Realms of Glory"  
(Please stand, if able)

Elise Sweger

## **LIGHTING THE CANDLES / RINGING THE CHURCH BELL**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We gather with hope, watching and waiting for God's promise to be fulfilled.  
P: Like Simeon and Anna, we come ready to see what God is doing among us.  
L: God's salvation has been prepared in the sight of all people.  
P: Our eyes are open to the light that has come into the world.  
L: Come, let us welcome the Christ who comes in love and faithfulness.  
P: With grateful hearts, we worship the One for whom we have been waiting.

**HYMN** "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" UMH 240

## **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE** "O Come O Come Emmanuel" (v.4) UMH 211

## **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER / LORDS PRAYER (DEBTORS)**

**HYMN** "Away in a Manger" UMH 217

## **GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**Offertory** "Silent Night! O' Holy Night" Flute - Kathy Singiser  
Vocals - Michael Martin & Zach Sweger

**Doxology** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "The First Noel" Bells of Otterbein

**SCRIPTURE** Page 725 Luke 2:25-38

**MESSAGE** "The People of His Purpose" **Rev. Steve Salisbury**

**CLOSING HYMN** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" UMH 224

## **PASTORAL BENEDICTION**

## **EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES / CHIMES**

## **WORSHIP NOTES**

**Hearing assist devices** are available at the right rear of the sanctuary in tech room.

**Large Print Bulletins** are available in the back of the sanctuary. Please ask an Usher.

**Children's Worship** - Children are invited to the front of the sanctuary for the children's moment followed by Otter Kids in Room 5.

**Today's altar flowers** are given in loving memory of our parents, Lester & Marie Tanger; Ernest & Rilda McCoy by Ron and Marie Tanger.

**Usher Captain** – Steve Bear

**Organist:** Elise Sweger

**Worship Schedule**

8:45 AM Traditional  
9:30 AM Contemporary "Gathering"  
11:00 AM Chapel

**Adult Sunday School:**

9:45 - Loyal Class (Library)  
10:00 - BASIC Class (Room 8)

**Attendance - Previous Week**

9:00 AM Combined Service 252 Online: 145

**Total: 252** **Online: 145**

**The mortgage balance** after December 15th payment is \$159,850.12



# Otterbein United Methodist Church

December 21, 2025  
Traditional Service

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## When Heaven Invades Earth: “The People of His Purpose”

Luke 2:25-38



## Welcome to Otterbein Church

Whether you are a first time guest, a new resident seeking a church home or just visiting the area, we're glad you took the time to join us for worship. We are a United Methodist congregation seeking to serve our Lord Jesus Christ by proclaiming the Good News and serving our neighbors. We'd love to have you join us on our journey of faith.