

# ORDER OF WORSHIP – December 28, 2025

PRELUDE: Fred Crase

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chuck Kestle

WELCOMING THE CHRIST LIGHT: Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP *(standing)*

*(Leader)* Children of God, Jesus Christ is born!

*(All)* ***God has come to make a home among us!***

*(Leader)* Yet the story is not over. After birth comes the ordinary and mundane growing, maturing, and discovering, even for the Christ Child.

*(All)* ***In the ordinary and mundane, God has come to make a home among us.***

*(Leader)* And sometimes, in the midst of the everyday, something surprising happens, and we discover anew just what God is up to in our midst.

*(All)* ***In the surprising and spectacular, God has come to make a home among us.***

*(Leader)* Children of God, let us worship the God who dwells with us in all things and all seasons.

*(All)* ***We come to make our home with God who makes a home among us. Amen***

OPENING HYMN: *(standing)* #221 UM Hymnal “In the Bleak Midwinter”

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: *(standing)* *(Turn in orange cards and Pew Pads)*

LAMBS OF GOD MOMENT: Janet Rich

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER: Chuck Kestle

LORD’S PRAYER: #895 UM Hymnal

HYMN: “Take Me Home, Country Roads” John Denver

MESSAGE: Reflections, Stories and Scripture: Welcome HOME!  
Jyl Duffy

GIVING BACK TO GOD:

DOXOLOGY: *(standing)* #94 UM Hymnal “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

HOLY COMMUNION:

HYMN OF BENEDICTION: “You Can Always Come Home” Alan Jackson

BENEDICTION *(standing)*

Beloved, may God bless you with transformation, because together we have encountered the incarnate Christ who makes a home among us and sends us home never to be the same again.  
Amen.

POSTLUDE: Fred Crase