

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We give thanks for all that God has already given you,  
and we welcome you in Christian love.

As members together with you in the body of Christ  
and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church,  
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church  
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness,  
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.



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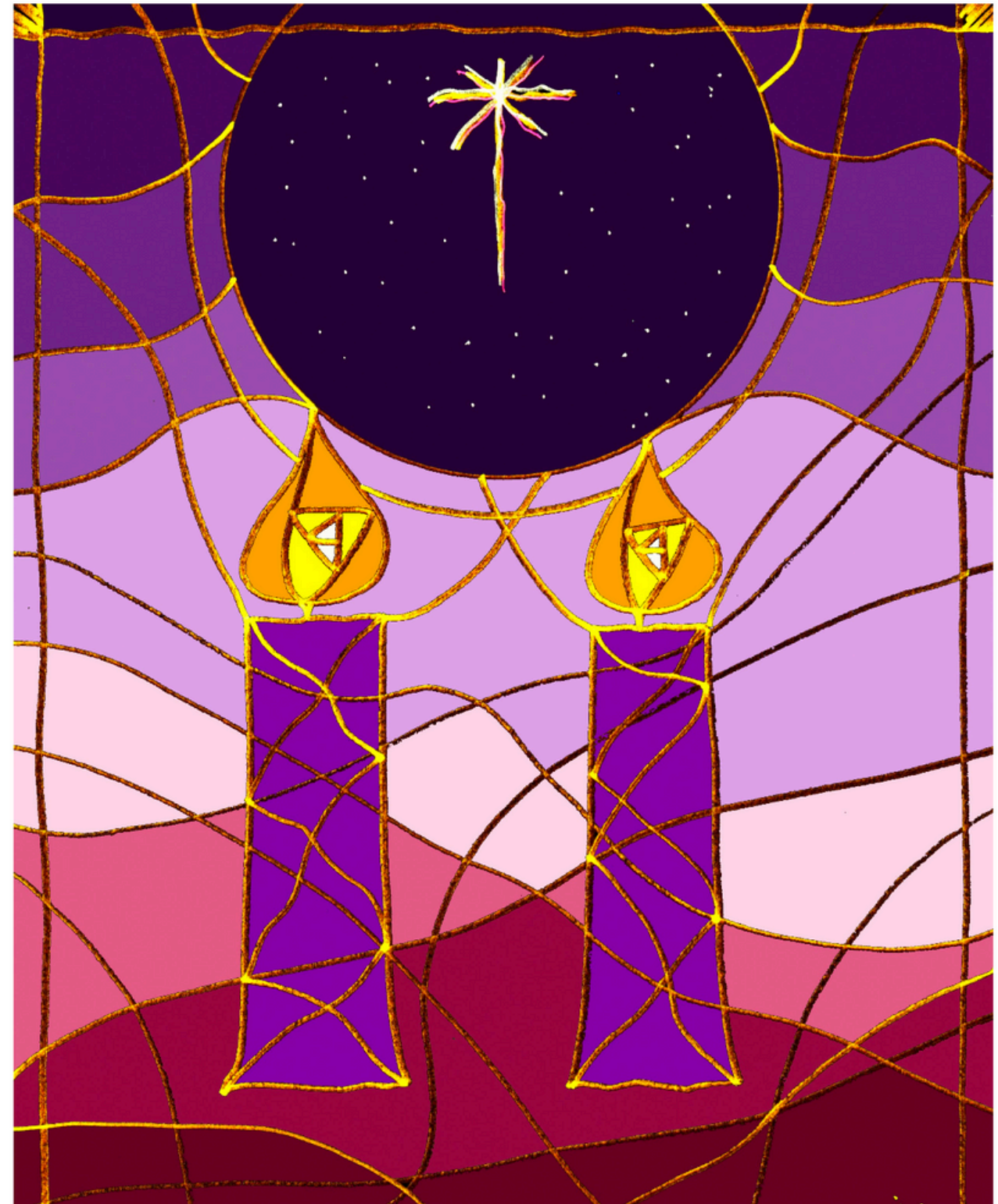
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### Welcome to St. Matthew's!

If you are visiting with us this morning we hope you feel welcome and will return to visit soon! Please take a moment to sign the attendance pad found on each pew or you can scan the QR Code to let us know you are here.

This QR Code can also be used to make a financial contribution.



**St. Matthew’s United Methodist Church**  
*2nd Sunday of Advent,*  
**December 7, 2025, 10:30 am**

**Gathering** ..... **Rev. Steve Casteel**

**Prelude**..... **Frank Laney, Organist**

**\*Call To Worship**.....**Sanctuary Choir**  
*“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”* - Montgomery/Monk

**\*Cross and the Light of the World**

**\*Hymn of Praise**.....No. 213  
*“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”*

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath** ..... **Bob and Joanne Mock**

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism** ..... **No. 33**  
**Andrew Farley**

**Morning Prayers**  
**Pastoral Prayer**  
**Lord’s Prayer** ..... No. 895  
**Choral Response** ..... **Sanctuary Choir**  
*“Amen”* - Hall

**Old Testament Reading**..... **Isaiah 11:1-10**  
**Jennifer Case:** This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**People:** Thanks be to God!

**Birthday Gift for Christ** ..... **Melissa Ragazzi**

**Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts**  
**Offertory Anthem** ..... **Sanctuary Choir**  
*“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”* - Forman

**\*Doxology** .....No. 95  
**\*Offertory Prayer**

**Children’s Moment**..... **Lauren Pearce**

**Hymn of Preparation**.....No. 211  
*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”* (vv. 1 & 4)

**\*Gospel Reading** ..... **Matthew 3:1-12**  
**Leader:** This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**People:** Thanks be to God!

**Communion Message** ..... **Rev. Andy Stoddard**  
*“Peace”*

**Service of Holy Communion**.....No. 12

**Communion Hymns** (*Please join us in singing as others come forward*)

No. 640 - *“Take Our Bread”*  
No. 617 - *“I Come with Joy”*  
No. 641 - *“Fill My Cup, Lord”*  
No. 618 - *“Let Us Break Bread Together”*  
No. 616- *“Come Sinners, to the Gospel Feast”*

**Invitation to Discipleship**

**\*Hymn of Commitment** ..... No. 431  
*“Let There Be Peace on Earth”*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Response** ..... **Sanctuary Choir**  
*“Go in Peace”* - Besig and Price

**\*Postlude** ..... **Frank Laney, Organist**

\* Please stand as you are able

The John Wesley Fund helps those from the community that ask for assistance from St. Matthew’s. If you would like to make a contribution to this fund you may leave your gift on the altar.

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Peggy Ferguson Phillips by Emily Salmon and Patti Sitek and their families.