

### 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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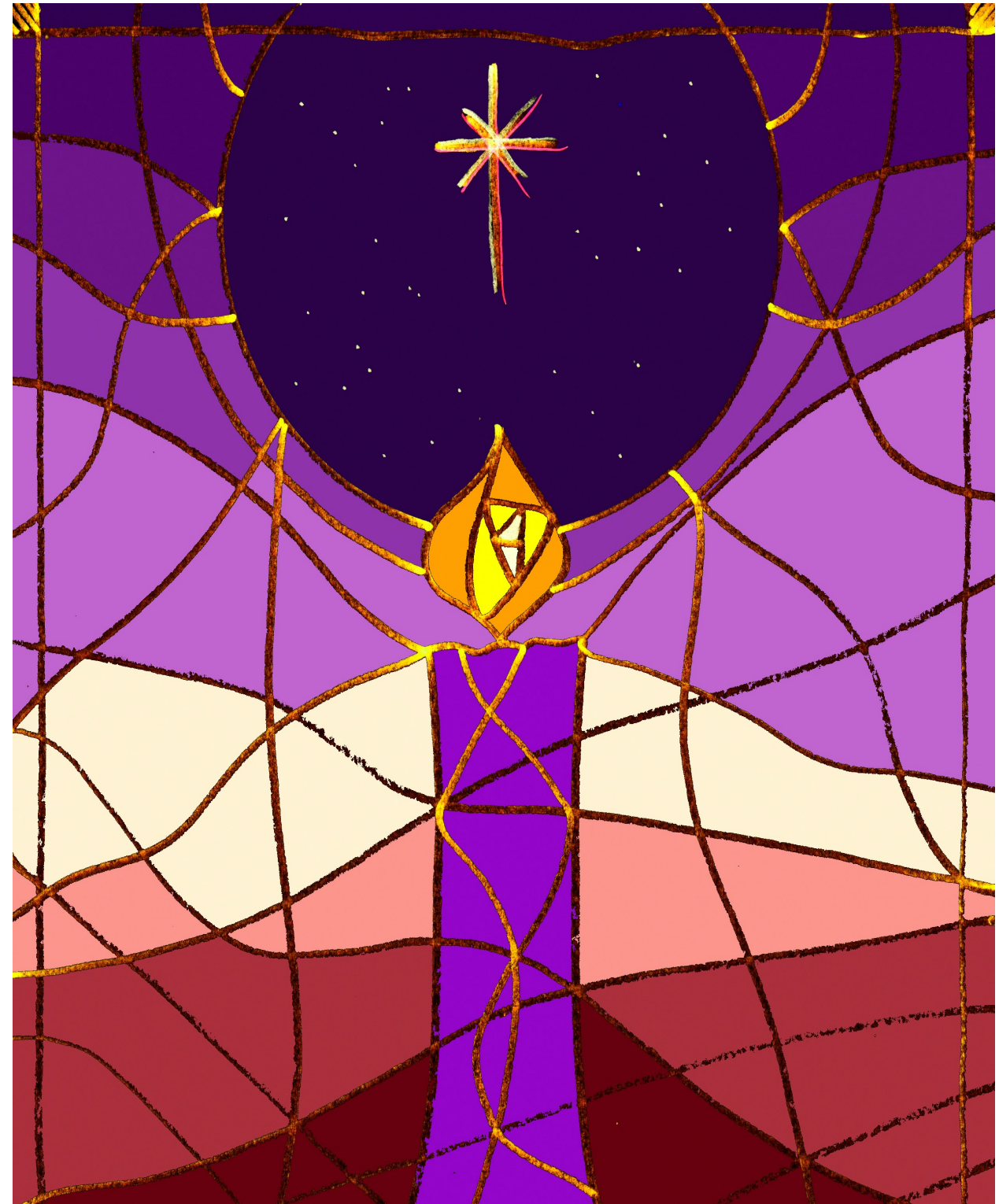
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### Welcome to St. Matthew's!



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  
November 30, 2025 10:30 am  
First Sunday of Advent  
St. Nick Sunday

Gathering ..... Shelby Trusty

Prelude ..... Frank Laney, Organist

\*Call To Worship ..... Sanctuary Choir  
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” - Coffin/Helmore

\*Cross and the Light of the World

\*Hymn of Praise ..... No. 196  
“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Lighting of the Advent Wreath ..... Keith and Kelly Julenbeck

Morning Prayers  
Call to Prayer ..... No. 349  
“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”  
  
Pastoral Prayer  
Lord’s Prayer ..... No. 895  
Choral Response ..... Sanctuary Choir  
“Amen” - Moore

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts  
Offertory ..... Frank Laney, Organist  
\*Doxology ..... No. 95  
\*Offertory Prayer

Children’s Moment ..... Laura Rivera

Hymn of Preparation ..... No. 706  
“Soon and Very Soon”

Old Testament Reading ..... Isaiah 2:1-5  
Byron Brown: This is the word of God for the people of God.  
People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem ..... Sanctuary Choir  
“Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room” - Larson

\*Gospel Reading ..... Matthew 24:36-44  
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.  
People: Thanks be to God!

Message ..... Rev. Andy Stoddard  
“Hope”

Prayer for the St. Nick Offering

\*Hymn of Commitment ..... No. 246  
“Joy to the World”

\*Benediction ..... Rev. Andy Stoddard  
\*Cross and the Light of the World

\*Choral Response ..... Sanctuary Choir  
“Benediction” - Bright

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

\* Please stand as you are able

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God  
by the Worship Committee.