



## TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Fellowship and refreshments in the basement before Sunday school. Please keep drinks in the basement. Snacks for children PreK-Grade School are also available. Sunday school for all ages will be held from 11:15 am – 12 pm. Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided in the nursery.



### CHILDREN – COLLEGE AGE CLASSES (downstairs)

Kindergarten – Grade 2: Room 10/11

Grades 3 – 6: Room 3

High school & College: Room 5

### ADULT CLASSES (sanctuary & downstairs)

Jesus and John Wayne: Sanctuary

Be Still and Know: Room 7 (downstairs)

Coffee & Conversation: Room 13 (downstairs)

### THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

**Greeters:** Sam Cox & Cathy Schneider

**Worship Leader:** Sheryl Dyck

**Candle Lighters:** The Peña Martin family

**Song Leader:** Danielle Beard

**Piano:** Janet MacLean

**Offertory:** Cheryl Koranda (piano) & Rebecca Bare (violin)

**Children's Story:** Lynne Sancken

**Scripture Reader:** Greg Sancken (Isaiah 60:1-6)

**Embodied Scripture (Matthew 2:1-12):** Rebecca Bare

**Sermon & Sharing:** Pastor Michael

**Zoom:** Rachel Miller-Haughton; **Audio:** Laurence Koehn

**Visuals:** Donna Evans & Lynne Sancken

**Worship Nursery:** Taniya Boone & Bob King

**Sunday school Nursery:** Abby Crosby & Melissa Shungu

**Stewards:** Mark Evans & Greg Sancken

**Refreshment Servers:** Tammie Bouseman & Sarah Little

### NEXT SUNDAY (JAN 14) AT FMC:

**Greeters:** Greg Sancken & Cathy Schneider

**Worship Leader:** Keith Springer

**Song Leader:** Rafael Luquis

**Piano:** Cheryl Koranda

**Scripture:** Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 and  
Revelation 1:4-8 & 2:1-7

**Scripture Reader:** Dianna Black

**Children's Story:** Megan Cox

**Sermon & Sharing:** Pastor Michael

**Zoom:** Phil Martens

**Audio:** Emerson Nafziger

**Worship Nursery:** Taniya Boone & Karla Woodson

**Sunday school Nursery:** Mary Hines & Courtney  
Malcolm

**Stewards:** Laurence Koehn & Cynthia Nafziger

**Refreshments:** Thom & Martha Moore



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# Celebration of Worship

January 7, 2024



## Centering chimes

### Prelude

**\*Call to worship** (*based on Isaiah 60:1-4 and Psalm 72:12-14*)

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**People: Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around.

**People: You shall see and be radiant.**

Leader: Your heart shall thrill and proclaim the praise of the Lord.

**People: He delivers the needy who cry out, the poor, and those who have no helper.**

Leader: He has compassion on the weak and saves the lives of the oppressed.

**ALL: Jesus, the Light of the World!**

**\*Gathering Hymn #273** "Arise, Your Light is Come!"

### Welcome & prayer

### Lighting Advent candles

Leader: Together we carry the light.

**People: This is what we know.**

Leader: We have become God's heirs, members of one body, and sharers of the promise.

We live in the light of Christ. Amen!

**Candle lighting hymn #275** "O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"

**Children's story and offering for Hungry World Farm** ([www.hungryworldfarm.com](http://www.hungryworldfarm.com))

Congregation sings as children come forward (Voices Together #512)

**Embodied scripture** Matthew 2:1-12

**Scripture** Isaiah 60:1-6

**Sermon**

**\*Response Hymn #274** "See Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

**Offering prayer** (*offerings can be placed in the offering plates as the greeters come by*)

**Offertory** *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

**Congregational sharing and prayer** (*use a mic or text/email prayers to Pastor Michael*)

**Introduction of visitors**

**Work of the church**

**\*Sending Hymn #252** "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

**\*Benediction**

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*\*Stand in body or in spirit. Children are invited to wave the worship ribbons during the hymns.*

We welcome, without exclusion, all who seek God's love and grace . . .

You are welcome here, inclusive of gender, race, country of origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, sexual identity, socioeconomic status, family status, past imprisonment, education, citizenship status and physical or mental abilities. We encourage you to share in the rituals, fellowship and ministry of this congregation.

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Hearing devices (T-coil and over-ear) and large print hymnals are available from the greeters.

Childcare (birth – preschool) is provided in the nursery downstairs.