

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 7 December 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Announcements *(To help us connect, please sign the address pad in your pew)*

Praise Choruses: *Selected Carols*

*Greeting: A voice cries out:
“In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert
a highway for our God.” *(Isaiah 40:3)*

*Opening Hymn: 724 “On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand”

*Opening Prayer**: The Lord be with you.
And also with you
Eternal God, in your providence you made all ages
a preparation for the kingdom of your Son.
Make ready our hearts for the brightness of your glory
and the fullness of your blessings in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath**: *(Mark 1:4)*
We light this candle as a symbol of Christ the way.
May the Word sent from God through the prophets
lead us to the way of salvation.

Response: 211 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ” *(Verse 2)*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalter: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 *(Insert: Alternate leader/people)*

Second Lesson: Romans 15:4-13(2)

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*Hymn of Preparation: 209 “Blessed Be the God of Israel”

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: 887 “Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39”

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

Moments With Youth

*The Peace: Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation
and love. The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

(All are welcome)

Offering: As forgiven and reconciled people,
let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Offertory

*Doxology: TFWs 2009 *(Verse 1)* “O God Beyond All Praising”

A Service of Word and Table *(Page 15ff)*

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 347 “Spirit Song”

*Dismissal with Blessing: 207 “Prepare the Way of the Lord”
(Sing twice)

***Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/Going Forth**

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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