

1. *Gathering Music

God Will Make a Way

[Refrain] *God will make a way, Where there seems to be no way. God works in ways we cannot see. God will make a way for me. God will be my guide. Hold me closely to God's side. With love and strength for each new day, God will make a way, God will make a way (x2).*

By a roadway in the wilderness, God'll lead me. Rivers in the desert will I see. Heaven and earth will fade but God's Word will still remain. And God will do something new today.

TFWS #2172, We Are Called

1. *Come, live in the light. Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord. We are called to be light for the kingdom. To live in the freedom of the city of God.*

[Refrain] *We are called to act with justice We are called to love tenderly. We are called to serve one another. To walk humbly with God.*

2. *Come, open your heart. Show your mercy to all those in fear. We are called to be hope for the hopeless. So all hatred and blindness will be no more. [Refrain]*

3. *Sing, sing a new song. Sing of that great day when all will be one. God will reign and we'll walk with each other. As sisters and brothers united in love. [Refrain]*

W&S #3152, Welcome

*Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin.
To build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in
To be the hands of healing and to plant the seed of peace.
Singing welcome, welcome to this place. You're invited to come and know God's grace.
All are welcome, the love of God to share.
'Cause all of us are welcome here. All are welcome in this place.*

2. *Call to Worship

Beloved, we gather to remember who we are, not who the world tells us to be.

We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.

We recall the story of God's people, how God has called us to live in peace and righteousness in a world full of conflict and twisted morality.

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We recount the story of our journey with God, the moments of God's provision, God's prodding, and God's prophetic guidance.

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We gather to repent and return anew to God's story that guides our lives to work for peace and

flourishing for all God's creation.

We gather to tell the story of the day that all the earth awaits. Thanks be to God! Amen.

3. Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

When our faith is rooted deeply in you, O God, our lives reflect your kingdom values of justice and righteousness, but sometimes our lives become so entangled with the values of the world, that your values take second place. Forgive us, O God, and reconnect us to the Holy Spirit, source of power and life. Merciful God, strip our hearts and minds of all that prevents our lives being firmly rooted in you. May our lives bear fruit worthy of our faith in you, as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world once more, in the person of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Blessed be the Lord our God, who does wondrous things. The most wondrous of all being God's entry into our world in Jesus Christ, "not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." "Those who believe in him are not condemned." Thanks be to God! Amen.

4. *Hymn

UMH #218, *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* (1, 2, 4)

1. *It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.*

2. *Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world; above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing, and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.*

4. *For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old, when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.*

5. Faith in Action

6. Advent Liturgy

TFWS #2090, *Light the Advent Candle*

2. *Light the Advent candle, two: Think of humble shepherds, who, filled with wonder at the sight, of the child of Christmas night. Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night; candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.*

7. Scripture Lesson

Matthew 3:1-12

8. Children's Time

(As children come forward)
(As children return)

"Yes, Jesus loves us (x3). The Bible tells us so."
"God is watching over you...each day."

9. Sermon

"Entitled"

Pastor Sunmin



The United Methodist Church of Newton



**December 7, 2025
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM**

430 Walnut St.
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10. *Hymn UMH #219, *What Child Is This*
1. *What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?*
- [Refrain] *This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.*
2. *Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. [Refrain]*
3. *So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. [Refrain]*
11. *Offering UMH #94, *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
12. *Prayer of Dedication
In this season of turning and anticipation, we offer these gifts as signs that we long to live by your story. Use them and use us to bear fruit worthy of repentance. May this offering clear a path for hope to be seen, known, and shared. Amen.
13. The Lord's Supper UMH #15.
14. Prayer Concern *"Lord, in Your Mercy, **Hear Our Prayer.**"*
15. Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
16. *A Hymn of Your Choice *(First Shout, First Sung Basis)*
17. *Benediction & Postlude

* : Please rise if you feel comfortable
UMH: United Methodist Hymnal (*red*)
TFWS: The Faith We Sing (*black*)
W&S: Worship & Song (*green*)

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Monday is Pastor's Day-Off.

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