

MOUNT GRETNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Sunday, December 14, 2025 | 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent - Joy

\* \* \* ORDER OF WORSHIP \* \* \*

**WE GATHER**

**WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES**

**PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Welcome, dear people, God has blessed our gathering.

**ALL: We come again on this journey, following the light.**

ONE: God's light shines for us today, bringing joy, peace, and comfort.

**ALL: May we, like Mary, respond to God's presence and love, with confident joy. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "To a Maid Engaged to Joseph" #215 UMH  
*Pink Insert Collected*

**OPENING PRAYER** O Holy God, You turn darkness into light and transform broken things into beauty. Lord, help us to see the wonder in your creation, to find the joy amidst the trials. For in you we can rejoice and be glad. No matter what the world brings, we can find joy in you. **Amen!**

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Joy**

**RESPONSE** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" v.3 #211 UMH

**+RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS** The Zeuch Family

**+CHILDREN'S CHOIR** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"  
"Away in a Manger"

**+CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**  
*+(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)*

**GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 1:26-38

Pg. 1557

LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** Advent-ures in Narnia: On the Move in Narnia

**WE RESPOND**

**HYMN** "In The Bleak Midwinter" #221 UMH

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**, concluding with unison Lord's Prayer (*trespasses*)

**OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all Blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**WE GO FORTH**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" #240 UMH

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SONG RESPONSE** "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" #204 UMH

**\*POSTLUDE**

(\*)= Please stand if able | (+)= 10:00 AM Service Only  
UMH= United Methodist Hymnal

*The pink insert to your bulletin is there for you to share any joys or concerns you may have for our prayer time this morning. Please hand the slip to an usher during the Opening Hymn and they will bring your request to the pastor to be shared and added to our prayer chain. If you are visiting with us and would like to share any information, please use the other side of the insert.*

**Flowers:**

Are presented by Larry Bowman in memory of his late wife, Kathy.

**Greeters:**

Louise Rynd & Tom Maurer

**+++++ANNOUNCEMENTS+++++**

Sunday	Dec 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Caroling	4:00 PM Traditions of Hershey
Sunday	Dec 14 <sup>th</sup>	Advent Book Study	6:30 PM Ebenezer Room
Tuesday	Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Acts Bible Study	10:00 AM Library
Wed.	Dec. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Gathering Place	Noon
Thursday	Dec. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Prayer Zoom	7:00 PM
Sunday	Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Children's Christmas Program	10:00 AM
Wed.	Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve Services	7:00 PM 11:00 PM

**Advent Book Study:** Sunday, Dec. 7, Dec. 14. Dec. 21 Join Pastor Andrea at 6:30 p.m. in the Ebenezer Room. Heidi Haverkamp's Advent in Narnia: Reflections for the Season will be our guide to the wardrobe (Nov. 30), witch (Dec. 7), Father Christmas (Dec. 14), the lion (Dec. 21).

**Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study**

Join Pastor Andrea and our newly installed Lay Leader, Dan Deitzel in a 24-week survey of the entire Bible starting in January and based on the well-known Disciple curriculum. The first 12 weeks will focus on the Old Testament; the next 12 weeks cover the New Testament. By study's end, you will have read about 60 percent of the Bible.

Participants will explore the Bible through daily readings, watching commentaries by noted Biblical scholars, and group discussions. Weekly sessions will last about 75 minutes and will be offered in a hybrid format—both in person and on Zoom. You are invited to prayerfully consider taking the next step in your faith journey by joining Disciples Bible Study. Since we are unsure of the best day and time for everyone, you are invited to complete a brief survey to help us determine when this study will be scheduled. Please use the QR code or visit

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HMKGWS6> to share your preferences...

but time is limited, so if you're interested, please complete the survey by December 20th. Contact Pastor Andrea with questions about this opportunity or to learn more.



# Mount Gretna United Methodist Church

**"A church for all seasons  
and ALL people"**



## Our Mission is ...

- to know Christ and make him known.
- to help people become—and grow as—followers of Christ.
- to relieve suffering, in our community and beyond, through our members' ministries.

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