

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 14, 2025:

Third Sunday of Advent

8:45 Fresh Start Host: Pam Thompson

9:30 **Worship Message:** Pastor Scott Racut

Liturgist: Jackie McLaughlin

Ushers: Bev Ferenz & Randy Morris

Counters: Linda Shambach-Ruff & Dave Gilson

10:35 Christmas Choir Rehearsal

We will be Caroling after Choir Rehearsal

4:00 Bear Scout Meeting

Monday, December 15, 2025:

9:30 Women's Bible Study

7:00 Bible Study @ Don & Judy Bartlett's home

Tuesday, December 16, 2025:

1:00 Vista Springs Bible Story & Music

3:00 Brookdale Bible Study

7:00-8:00 Hallelujah Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 Scout Troop 71

Wednesday, December 17, 2025:

8:00 Men's Fellowship Breakfast at Perry Family Diner

3:00 Prayer Time: Live streamed on Facebook and YouTube. The Sanctuary is open to all during prayer time.

4:00 Worship Team Practice

Sunday, December 21, 2025:

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:45 Fresh Start Host: ?

9:30 **Worship Message:** Pastor Scott Racut

Liturgist: Dave Gilson

Ushers: Bev Ferenz & Randy Morris

Counters: Dave Gilson & Annette Verga

10:35 Christmas Choir Rehearsal

4:00 Bear Scout Meeting

Announcements

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
@ Park UMC - 5pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
@ Chapel UMC - 7pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
@ Perry UMC - 10pm

Perry Center Christmas: Thank you to all for the bags of noodles, fulfilling children's Christmas wishes through Adopt-a-child program, and signing up for Bell Ringing for Salvation Army. We still need someone for the 5-7pm time slot for 12/23.

Christmas Choir: We will have rehearsal at 10:35-11:30 after our worship service on 12/14 & 12/21.

Christmas Caroling: We plan to go caroling after Christmas Choir Rehearsal on Dec. 14th. If you would like to join in on the caroling - please be at church around 11:30am. Perhaps we can car pool.

Christmas Cards: If you plan to participate in the Christmas Card exchange - you need to have your cards handed into the box under the table at the information station this Sunday, Dec. 14th. We will sort them and they will be available on Dec. 21st.

Prayer requests: please fill out a yellow card in the pews and put into the offering plates when passed by the ushers. Offering Amount: \$3147.00
Amount needed weekly for Budget: \$2,141.90
Attendance: 47 in-house 54 on-line

Perry United Methodist Church

The Third Sunday of

ADVENT



December 14, 2025

Live streaming on YouTube
@ perryumc450

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Church Office Hours:

Monday 10a - 4p and Wednesday 10a - 4p

These are not the Pastor's office hours.

Welcome to Worship

**Stand to worship the Lord as you are able in body or in spirit*

GATHERING MUSIC/PRELUDE Brian Mather
BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Scott Racut

*CALL TO WORSHIP Jackie McLaughlin

L = Liturgist P = People

L: God's Spirit has led us here.

P: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is PEACE.

L: God's Spirit has led us here.

P: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is HOPE.

L: God's Spirit has led us here.

P: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is JOY.

L: God's Spirit has led us here.

P: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is LOVE.

L: There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,

ALL: And we know that it's the Spirit of the Lord!

*OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Holy God of Joy, We rejoice in the reality of who you are. We live within the joy of your love for us. Our contentment comes and goes. Our happiness ebbs and flows. Our feelings depend upon our circumstances, our physical health, our brain chemistry. But our joy is deeply rooted in our identity as your beloved children. And we give you thanks. Amen.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT READING AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE
The Fulginiti Family (Erika, Thomas, Melanie, Nicky)

*PRAISE SONGS: Praise Team

"JOYFUL, JOYFUL"

"EMMANUEL"

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

MIGHTY MOMENT WITH OUR MINIS Miss Jackie

GIVING INVITATION: Pastor Scott Racut
USHERS: Bev Ferenz & Randy Morris

*RECEIVING OF THE GIFTS:
"PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW" UMH # 95
*DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS Pastor Scott Racut

*HYMN "Take Time to Be Holy" UMH # 395

SHARING OF PRAISES & PRAYERS Mary Jaques
Livestream CommUNITY Requests

SCRIPTURE READINGS: James 5: 7-10 Jackie McLaughlin
Matthew 11: 2-11

MESSAGE: "The Waiting" Pastor Scott Racut

*CLOSING HYMN "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear" UMH # 218

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE ~ Go in Peace and Live in Love! ~ Brian Mather
Anyone needing additional Prayer, please join Mary at the front of the church after service.

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52nd Live Nativity
Saturday, December 20 & Sunday
Dec. 21, 2025
6 to 8 pm
9290 Lakeshore Blvd at Corduroy Rd.
Mentor

*True Meaning of Christmas
Park or drive thru*