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An Order for the Service of Worship

3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

9:30 AM

DECEMBER 14, 2025

PRELUDE

Ms. Becky Oliver, Organist

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tim Drum

GATHERING HYMN ***Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*** UM Hymnal #216

HYMN ***Hail to the Lord's Anointed*** UM Hymnal #203

LIGHTING OF THE 3RD ADVENT CANDLE TFWS #2090

Light the Advent candle, three: Think of heavenly harmony;
Angels singing "Peace on earth" at the blessed Savior's birth.

CHORUS

Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;
Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

MORNING PRAYERS:

Rev. Tim Drum

Prayer Concerns/Praises from the Congregation

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

OFFERTORY AND DOXOLOGY

The Ushers and Congregation

HYMN ***O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*** UM Hymnal #57

SCRIPTURE READING ***Matthew 11:2-11 (NT p10)*** Rev. Drum, Reader

SERMON ***"The Proof is in the Pudding"*** Rev. Drum

PARTING HYMN ***The Summons*** TFWS #2130

Verse 1

Will you come and follow Me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let My love be shown, will you let My name be known,

Will you let My life be grown in you and you in Me?

Verse 2

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let Me answer prayer in you and you in Me?

Verse 3

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in Me?

Verse 4

Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through My sight and touch and sound in you and you in Me?

Verse 5

Lord, Your summons echoes true when You but call my name.
Let me turn and follow You and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in You and You in me.

Graham Maule, John L. Bell
CCLI Song #1040329

BENEDICTION

Rev. Drum

POSTLUDE

Ms. Oliver

Jacksons Grove extends a warm welcome to all newcomers.

A cordial welcome is extended to all who visit with us today! It is a delight to be able to worship with you! Come back soon and often. If we can help you in any way, please let us know.

Come join us for Bible Study each Sunday morning at 8:30am.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

We warmly invite you, your friends, and your neighbors to join our congregation as we gather for worship during this special time of year. The holiday season is a wonderful opportunity to come together in community, celebrate, and reflect on the meaning of Christmas.

Our traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Worship and Holy Communion will be held at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, December 24th. This meaningful service is a cherished tradition, featuring candlelight, music, and the sharing of communion as we celebrate the birth of Christ.



Welcome to Jacksons Grove United Methodist Church of Landrum! Our ministry here dates from the 1830s, when the family of Captain Thomas Jackson, a Revolutionary War veteran, established the congregation and built a meetinghouse on the site where our current sanctuary now stands. Our sanctuary and grounds evoke a long history of worship and service. Virtually everything in the sanctuary was built by hand, by local artisans who carefully selected materials that have stood the test of time. Those who worship at Jacksons Grove are privileged to have such a unique place of worship and are committed to keeping this historic church building as authentic as possible. The fieldstone markers in the adjacent cemetery suggest that it was in use long before the earliest documented burial in 1859. It is our hope that this meetinghouse will remain a simple place of quiet dignity and beauty where people may worship God in spirit and truth for generations to come. Please pick up a brochure and visit our website for a more complete history of our delightful church building. We are delighted that your path has led you here and would like nothing more than for you to share in the journey as part of our community.

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