

**Sunday, December 7, 2025      9:00 a.m.**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

*As you feel called, offering plates can be found at the back of the sanctuary.*

**\*Please rise in body or spirit as you are able**

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS      Pastor Aimee Hare

INVOCATION      Marla Singer

OPENING PRAISE      Praise Team  
    *"Love Came Down at Christmas"*

ADVENT READING      Tom and Cathy Rolf

RESPONSE TO READING  
    *"Advent Song" verse 2 (words are on the screen)*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP      Marla Singer

**Psalm 98**

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things;  
his right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.

**Congregation: The LORD has made his salvation known  
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.  
He has remembered his love  
and his faithfulness to Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.**

**All: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,  
burst into jubilant song with music;  
make music to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the sound of singing,  
with trumpets and the blast of  
the ram's horn-  
shout for joy before the LORD, the King.**

\*OPENING HYMN      *"What Child Is This"*      #219

PRAYER      Marla Singer  
**Lord, we give thanks for your love. We know the greatest commandment is to love you, O Lord and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Lord, we work to see your love in the world every day. As we enter worship, may we gain the strength to be part of your love in the world every day. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE      Isaiah 11:1-10      Marla Singer  
    (Pew Bible, Old Testament, page #640)

WORSHIP TIME      *"Amazed"*      Praise Team

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS      Pastor Aimee Hare

SILENT MEDITATION/PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY      Jerri Lynn Baxstrom  
    *"The King is Born Medley"*      arr. James Koerts

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymnal #95)  
**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 BLESSING      Pastor Aimee Hare

HYMN      *"Away in a Manger"*      #217

SECOND SCRIPTURE      1 John 3:11-24      Pastor Aimee Hare  
    (Pew Bibles, New Testament page #240)

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE      *"To Love Like Christ"*      Pastor Aimee Hare

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION  
    The Great Thanksgiving (Hymnal page #15)  
    A Service of Word and Table

\*CLOSING HYMN      *"The First Noel"*      #245  
    Verses 1-4

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE      Jerri Lynn Baxstrom  
    *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*  
    Felix Mendelssohn, arr. Harold DeCou


**Announcements**

Young at Hearts activity bulletins are available at the back of the sanctuary.

**SUMC Christmas Caroling** TODAY! 2 – 4 pm.  
We will have cookies and cocoa following. Come join us!

**Hygiene Closet Needs:**  
Feminine Hygiene Products  
Deodorant (Male & Female)  
Shaving Cream (Male & Female)  
Disinfectant Wipes  
Laundry Detergent

**CHURCH SIGN CAMPAIGN**  
Our current funds are at \$5,185.



**~Please pray for... [health concerns]**  
Ukrainians, Jackie Becker, Jenny Wagers, Paul Finley, Barb Tennent, Cathy Rhymer, Lynn Turnbow, Sandy Chapman, Diana Yoder, Larry Miller, Martha Scaggs, Gail Bersch, Sandy Hadsell, Joyce Surrell, Mary Christopher, Ronald Cogar, & others in our Church Family

**~Please pray for our Shut-ins...**  
Elda Imhoff

SMITHVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK ...

**SUNDAY, December 7**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service *[In-Person & Facebook Online]*  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time - Advent Brunch  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School  
2:00 p.m. Church Caroling

**MONDAY, December 8**

5:30 p.m. Praise Team  
6:00 p.m. Choir

**TUESDAY, December 9**

**WEDNESDAY, December 10**

8:00 p.m. Basketball

**THURSDAY, December 11**

7:00 p.m. Finance

**FRIDAY, December 12**

5:00 p.m. church reserved

**SATURDAY, December 13**

Liberty Prep Saturday School

**SUNDAY, December 14**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service *[In-Person & Facebook Online]*  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School  
Noon church reserved



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Carol Thompson

ORGANIST/ PIANIST: Jerri Lynn Baxstrom

FLAUTIST: Stacey Miller

LITURGIST: Marla Singer

ADVENT READERS: Tom and Cathy Rolf

FELLOWSHIP TIME: Growing Christian Class

GREETERS: Dave and Peggy Kearnes

Smithville  
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We're glad you joined us today!

*"To Love Christ, To Serve Christ, To Share Christ,  
No Matter What It Takes"*

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