

## THE GATHERING

*If you would like hearing assistive devices, please ask an usher.*

### Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Jane Eesley  
*Senior Pastor*

### Prelude

8:30 AM – Dance Like David

Fred Hammond

11:00 AM – Im Advent, Opus 79, No. 5

Felix Mendelssohn / David Gable, arr.

### \*Call to Worship

Rev. Sophia Carno  
*Associate Pastor*

Let us heed the call to prepare the way of the Lord.

**For he brings hope and light to all people who walk with him.**

Sing praises to the name above all names.

**Shout for joy, for your Messiah is coming! Alleluia!**

*Written by Christine Swanberg*

\*Hymn of Praise – Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

UMH 203

### Opening Prayer

**Merciful God,**

**you sent your messengers the prophets**

**to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation.**

**Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,  
that we may celebrate aright the commemoration of the nativity,  
and may await with joy**

**the coming in glory of Jesus Christ our Redeemer;**

**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**

**One God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## HEARING THE WORD

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy

The DalSanto Family / The Strand-Jordan Family

### Anthem

8:30 AM – You Are My Peace

Juanita Bynum

11:00 AM – II. Largo, “Winter” (L’inverno) from The Four Seasons

A. Vivaldi / R.S.B., arr.

Scripture Lesson

\*Matthew 3:1-12

John Janssen / Tom Reeves

Sermon

Rev. Jane Eesley

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn – Prepare the Way of the Lord

UMH 207

*Choir will sing first, then congregation and choir together, then sing in a four-part round three times.*

### Prayers of the People

#### The 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.**

#### Passing of the Peace

#### Invitation to the Offering

*Offerings may be made by using the QR Code on the back.*

#### Offertory

8:30 AM – I Will Bless the Lord

Hezekiah Walker

11:00 AM – No. 3, Minuet

Alec Rowley

\*Doxology – Tell Out, My Soul

Verse 2, UMH 200

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

*We offer prayers for the contributions given today and those made by electronic means.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving / Advent Communion Liturgy by Larry J. Peacock

#### Communion Music

8:30 AM – Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

UMH 626

11:00 AM – No. 4, Sarabande

Alec Rowley

#### Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery**

**in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,**

**to give ourselves for others,**

**in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING FORTH

\*Closing Hymn – Blessed Be the God of Israel

UMH 209

#### \*Benediction

Postlude – “Wake, Awake, A Voice is Calling,” BWV 645

J. S. Bach

*Please help us create an atmosphere of prayerful silence during and after the postlude.  
so that all may use the space for personal devotion.*

**\*You May Stand.**

**Upcoming Activities:**

**Sun., December 7, 9:30 AM, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room**

Advent Bible Study: *On the Way to Bethlehem*

**Wed., December 10, 5:30 PM, Weeds Tavern**

*1555 N Dayton St, Chicago*

Hope's Table Glove Wrapping Event

**Sat., December 13, 3:30 PM, Heritage Room**

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**Music Ministry**

Rev. Kelly Tiebout

*Saturday Worship Musician &  
Temple Gospel Choir Director*

Dr. Phillip Kloeckner

*Chicago Temple Organist*

Erik Nussbaum

*Director of Music, Worship, & the Arts*

**8:30 AM** – Temple Gospel Choir

**11:00 AM** – Temple Strings, Temple Choir

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**FUMC Clergy**

Rev. Jane Eesley

*Senior Pastor*

Rev. Sophia Carno

*Associate Pastor*

Rev. Dr. William Schweiker

*Theologian-In-Residence*

Piers Feters

*Director of Generational &  
Outreach Ministries*

Don Dongwhan Oh

*Seminary Intern*

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**WORSHIP TIMES**

**WED.** – 12:10 PM TO 12:40 PM

**SAT.** – 5:00 PM

**SUN.** – 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

**SIGN-IN**



**ONLINE GIVING**



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---- **Welcome to the Heart of the City** ----

**Mission Statement**

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**Statement of Welcome and Inclusion**

We welcome all people to the life of this congregation. We believe that we are all in need of God's love and grace and that God, through Jesus Christ, intends the church to be a community that incarnates love, grace, and justice for all people. Holding true to that belief, we welcome and encourage all persons, including persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities, in every aspect of our Christian life together.

**Vision Statement of Our Congregation**

We reflect the face of a loving, accepting God. All those we serve experience a sense of welcome and a compelling drive to make a difference. And our pioneering spirit keeps us open to new ways to follow wherever Christ leads.

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**First United Methodist Church**

**at the Chicago Temple**

**December 7th, 2025**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent / Peace**

**Sunday Services 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM**

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