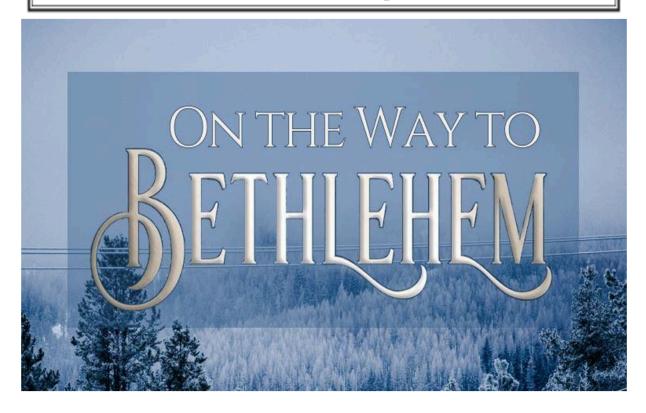


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Gathering

He Has Come For Us

You are Holy (Price of Peace)

Praise Band

Welcome/Announcements

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Threshold Moment

*Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Boyington Camere Family

Advent Wreath Readers

Leader: The journey continues, and this candle will help light our way.

People: We are on our way to more joy.

Leader: Life can be so complicated and filled with distractions.

People: We are a people who simply want Good News.

Leader: We need a marker on the journey to tell us to stop and notice

the wonder of the moments along the way.

People: God's light goes before us, we are not alone.

* Song O Little Town of Bethlehem (Emmanuel)

Praise Band

Opening Prayer
Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Holy and Living God, we pray for the refocusing

of our lives on what really matters.

Too often, we allow the complexity of modern life to take over,

and we fail to sense Your presence in our everyday lives.

Call us to a simplified joy.

Call us to simply pause in the midst of our scheduled mania

and breathe in the possibility that You are asking for our attention.

We pray this in the name of Your Son,

Jesus, the Christ, the Joy of Our Lives. AMEN.

Children's Moment Linda Biscardo

Prayer Song A Star Shone Bright, vs. 3 See Screen

Prayers of People Sarah Chambers

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.

Offering Hymn of Joy Praise Band

*Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Gospel Reading Luke 1: 26-38 Bruce Bartolain

Message Nazareth: A Place of Simplicity Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Breakthrough Prayer

God, guide Franconia United Methodist Church to become a community of Christ's love, where Your grace abounds and all people know that they are loved, respected for their diversity, grow in faith, and reflect Jesus by actively sharing their God-given gifts. AMEN.

*Closing Song House of the Lord Praise Band

*Benediction Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude He Has Come for Us (Reprise) Praise Band



Franconia United Methodist Church believes that everyone is a child of God. We welcome all people to worship, join in membership, serve in lay leadership, and actively participate in the life of the church.

We welcome and affirm all persons without regard to gender, gender identity, race, sexual orientation, faith tradition, age, marital status, family structure, economic background, political affiliation, physical or mental ability or life experience.

We commit to extend Christ's hospitality, creating a place of safety and sanctuary for all people.

We recognize there are differences among us and although we may not think or look alike, we commit to respect and love one another as we are all the family of God.

We further commit ourselves to loving acts of invitation, hospitality, and community, providing ministry to, for, and with all persons without exception, fostering a sense of belonging where people are respected and valued as beloved children of God.

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