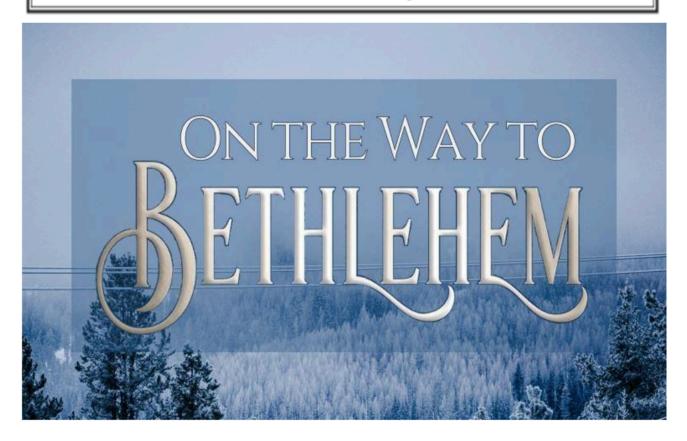


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\*Stand in body or in spirit

Gathering Come Thou Long Expected Jesus
Glory (Let There Be Peace)

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**Threshold Moment** 

\*Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Welcome/Announcements

The Van Wychen Family

**Praise Band** 

#### **Advent Wreath Readers**

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

People: We are on our way to more peace.

Leader: Life is full of expectations and waiting for the right time,

the right answer, the right opportunity.

People: We are a people who wait for Good News.

Leader: It is hard to wait, but there are milestone moments

when we get a glimpse of what true peace feels like.

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 to You in the midst of unanswered questions.

Often we are anxious and impatient as we desperately

want to know outcomes and chart our life's path with certainty.

Give us patience, God.

Call us to pause in peaceful surrender,

even and especially when the pieces of our lives

seem to be falling apart rather than getting put together.

Open our hearts to know Your enduring presence

in this very moment, in this waiting.
We pray this in the name of Your Son,
Jesus, the Christ, the Prince of Peace. AMEN.

Children's Moment Linda Biscardo

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

Prayers of People Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father, who a

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 Even So, Come Praise Band

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Gospel Reading Luke 1: 5-17 Joana Arthur

Message Jerusalem: A Place of Waiting 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 You are Holy, (Prince of Peace) Praise Band

\*Benediction Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (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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