

Unionville Reformed Church

December 14, 2025

Pastor David Corlett

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PRELUDE

Organist: Amy Heebner

Pianist: Judy Kimes

Director: Judy Kimes

INTROIT: “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”

THE APPROACH TO GOD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: The Lord has done great things for us!

People: And we are filled with joy!

Leader: Our God has turned our weeping into singing,

People: our tears into songs of joy!

Leader: O Christ of God, come anew in our hearts this Advent season,

People: and remain in us forever.

All: We honor and worship Your Holy Name!

* **A HYMN:** Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence 166

THE LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Loving God, we confess our eagerness to accept Your redeeming love, while we resist following You without question. We are quick to seek Your forgiveness, but find it hard to forgive others. In this Advent time, forgive us our failure to respond to You as we should. Come to us anew, and by Your grace, assist us to receive You with joy, as did the shepherds; with obedience, as did Mary; with devotion, as did Joseph, and with love, as You have loved us. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. In Your precious name, Amen.

(Our prayer continues in silence.)

KYRIE ELEISON: “Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.”

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND LAW OF GOD:

(Responsive, from 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

Leader: May the God of peace sanctify you completely. And may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: The One who calls us is faithful. It is the Lord who will do this. Praise to God for God’s amazing grace!

All: And may we show God our gratitude by loving God with our whole being and loving our neighbor as we love ourselves. Amen!

* **THE GLORIA PATRI** 142

THE WORD OF GOD

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD OF GOD: Luke 3: 7-18 (p. 726)

“This is the Word of the Lord: *Thanks be to God!*”

* **A HYMN:** Redeeming Love 199

THE SERMON: “Who Invited Him?”

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC: “I Am the Way”

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

***THE DOXOLOGY** 382

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

* **A HYMN:** It Came Upon the Midnight Clear 197

* **THE BENEDICTION**

* **SONG OF BLESSING (INSIDE BACK COVER – HYMNAL)**

* **POSTLUDE**

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“And John went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” (Luke 3:3)

TUESDAY: BIBLE STUDY, 12:30 p.m.,

THURSDAY: CHOIR REHEARSAL, 3:00 p.m.

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