# **WELCOME!**

We're so glad you're here in worship today! Whether this is your first time worshipping with us, or you're here every week, we want to help you take your next step in faith.

# ON THE CALENDAR

Visit mdumc.org/events to find registration details and for a full list of all upcoming opportunities to connect!



# I'M NEW HERE

# STAY CONNECTED | JOIN OUR WEEKLY NEWS LIST

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Stay up to date on important announcements and all that's happening in the life of the church. Visit mdumc.org to subscribe to our weekly e-mail news and have all the info delivered to your inbox every Friday, or text MDUMC to 71301 to receive our text alerts.

#### MDUMC KIDS

mdumc.org/children Allyson George | AllysonGeorge@mdumc.org

Children are welcome and celebrated in all worship services! Children are invited to Children's Time as a part of each worship service.

# TAKING MY NEXT STEP

## READY TO JOIN? | MEMBERSHIP & INVOLVEMENT

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Ready to call MDUMC home or ready to get involved? We're so glad to have you as part of the family. Stop by the Welcome Desk on Sunday or send an email throughout the week to learn more about how to join or how to volunteer.

## **BAPTISM AT MDUMC**

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We believe baptism is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace marking us as the children of God. At MDUMC, we baptize adults through profession of faith and children as a sign of God's grace.

## **GIVING**

Text GIVE to 71301 or visit mdumc.org/give.

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# **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20 | 7 PM | MAIN CAMPUS - SANCTUARY

Join us for our annual Christmas concert featuring the Chancel Choir, orchestra, Journey Band, and special guests. Enjoy a family-friendly evening filled with Christmas classics and the beloved hymns you know and love. All are welcome!

# SERVICE OF THE LONGEST NIGHT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 | 5:30 PM | MAIN CAMPUS - SANCTUARY

The Service of the Longest Night offers a quiet, reflective space for hope, healing, and prayer during a season that can feel heavy for many. This service includes candlelight, music, and moments of silence, inviting all who gather to rest in God's presence. All are welcome.

## **VOLUNTEER ON CHRISTMAS EVE**

We're looking for volunteers to help serve communion during our Christmas Eve services, either at the Journey or in the Sanctuary. Your hospitality helps make Christmas Eve meaningful for everyone. Sign up today to volunteer at mdumc.org/christmas.

## **SUNDAY WORSHIP - DECEMBER 28**

On Sunday, December 28, there will be one service at the Journey and one in the Sanctuary. Please note that there will be no Sunday School for adults or children. We look forward to worshiping together!

# Contemporary Worship

9:30 AM ONLY | West Campus - The Journey

# Classic Worship

11 AM ONLY | Main Campus - Sanctuary

## YEAR-END GIVING

Your generosity empowers ministry all year long, and it is especially important this month! December typically accounts for 27.5% of our annual income, and we need that to be true again this year to meet all our commitments and to finish 2025 in a financially healthy position. Your year-end giving can help make that happen! You can give cash or by check, through a stock donation or qualified charitable distribution from an IRA, or online anytime at mdumc.org/give. However **Connect** you give, we invite you to be a bold and joyful with us. giver this season! Contact Keri Bruegger at keribruegger@mdumc.org with questions.



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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025** 9:30 & 11 AM



Scan the QR code to check in!





# ORDER OF WORSHIP

# SCRIPTURE READING

## LIVE NATIVITY

Monday, December 15 | 5:30, 6, & 6:30 PM | Main Campus - Gym

A retelling of the birth of Christ by the youth ministry. Tickets available at the door!

## **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Saturday, December 20 | 7 PM | Main Campus - Sanctuary

A Christmas concert brought to life by the Chancel Choir, orchestra, Journey Band, and special guests in a family-friendly evening filled with the Christmas classics and hymns you know and love.

## SERVICE OF THE LONGEST NIGHT

Sunday, December 21 | 5:30 PM | Main Campus - Sanctuary

A quiet and reflective service of hope and prayer.

# **CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP**

## Children's Services

11 AM\* | West Campus - Journey Worship Center

# Contemporary Services

3, 5\*, 7\* PM | West Campus - Journey Worship Center

#### Classic Services

4\*, 6\*, 11 PM | Main Campus - Sanctuary

\*Will be live streamed at mdumc.org/christmas

Visit **mdumc.org/christmas** to learn more about the Advent season at MDUMC!

## **ADVENT ANGEL**

Shannon Hillegeist, MDUMC member and creator of SGH Designs, crafted this year's Advent angel—seen throughout our Advent materials. Through her journey with cancer, Shannon discovered a passion for art. Inspired by God's redemptive nature, this angel comes from her Nothing Wasted series and is created from projects that didn't turn out as she originally hoped. She repurposes them into something beautiful—like the angel you see today. These angels remind us that God can redeem every part of our story, transforming even the hardest moments into something meaningful and full of hope.

## **GATHER & PRAISE**

PreludeStephen Distad, organ   "S	Sing We Now of Christmas" - arr. Jason Krug
*Welcome & Call to Worship	Rev. Kate Walker
*Hymns of PraiseSuzi Byrd, wo	rship lead   No. 219   <b>"What Child Is This"</b>
	No. 230   "O Little Town Of Bethlehem"
*Affirmation of Faith	No. 881   "The Apostles' Creed"
*Gloria Patri	No. 70
Advent Candle Lighting	

# **HEAR & RESPOND**

Children's Time	/	Allyson George
Scripture ReadingRe	ev. Jim McPhail	Luke 1:46-55
Anthem	Celeb	oration Ringers
"Angels From the Realms	of Glory" - arr. L	inda McKechnie
Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer	Rev. Jenny Veres	-Schrecengost
Invitation to Give		
OffertoryMarcie Chenault, conducting   "	Breath of Heaven"	' - arr. Courtney
*Doxology		No. 94
Scripture Reading		Luke 1:26-38
Sermon	Re	ev. Kate Walker

## **SENDING FORTH**

Invitation to Discipleship
*Closing HymnNo. 220 verses 1, 3, $4 \mid$ "Angels From The Realms Of Glory"
*Benediction
PostludeStephen Distad, organ   "God Rest Ye Merry" - Wilbur Held

<sup>\*</sup> Please stand as you are able.

## **LUKE 1:26-38**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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