

# Welcome to Solon United Methodist Church!

*To live as a congregation in which the love of God abides*

## Prelude

## Welcome

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, friends, and shout for joy in God!

**People: We lift up praises from deep in our souls!**

Leader: Each of us has a story to share.

**People: A story filled with gratitude for God's presence among us.**

Leader: Not just in my life, or in yours... the Spirit is at work in all of creation!

**People: We will listen and explore.**

**We will take time to delight in the joyous good news unleashed on this world.**

**\*Opening Song**      *Jesus The Light of the World*      W & S 3056 v. 1-3

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**      *The Vollbrecht Family*      Projected

## The Children Gather

### \*Passing of the Peace

**Special Music**      *Advent Canticle*      SUMC Chancel Choir

### Time of Prayer

*Gathering of Joys and Concerns*

*Silent Prayer*

*Pastoral Prayer*

*Lord's Prayer*

**Song**      *Emmanuel*      UMH 204 (twice)

**Scripture Reading**      *Isaiah 61:1-4 & Luke 1:39-56*      Projected

**Message**      *Unrelenting Grace and the Healing of Our Church*  
Rev. Peggy Garrigues

**Offering**      *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*      SUMC Chancel Choir

**\*Doxology**      *Emmanuel*      Projected

Song Book Legend: UMH—United Methodist Hymnal    W & S—Worship & Song    TFWS—The Faith We Sing

## Prayer of Thanks

## Announcements for Living Out Our Mission

**\*Closing Song**      *Joy to the World*      UMH 246

### \*Benediction

## Postlude

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## Prayer Requests

*If you would like your prayer request shared with the congregation in next week's bulletin, please fill out the prayer card, or send a note to the church office. If you do not want it shared with the congregation or listed in the bulletin, simply check the box.*

### Prayers for

Darcy Miller had a shoulder replacement recently, which went well. She is recuperating at her daughter's house.

Jeanne Erhart requests prayers for their son, Wyatt, who is facing health issues.

Kay Geguzis' daughter-in-law, Kim, as she awaits results after surgery.

Scott Nicol asks for prayers for Charles and Sue Whetstine as Charles deals with cancer.

Dena Reynolds asks for prayers for Kirk's mom, who needs comfort and hope.

For all of those impacted by the tornadoes in Tennessee. Marian's sister lives a block away from where one hit.

For all those still suffering in Gaza and Israel.

Peace somehow to become more possible in the Middle East.

Families of those killed, and all impacted by shooting in Nevada.

General prayers for our world.

### Joys + Thanksgiving

For the music that Todd Bransky and Angie Grecian-Bransky offer to our congregation, along with all of the musicians at our church.

Dee Swartzendruber lifts up joy for the energy of the young people here.

Kay Geguzis is grateful that both of her daughters-in-law came through their surgeries well.



Altar flowers provided by Mike & Doris Tritle in memory of Mike's Mother,

*Liz Oliphant*

## SUMC Calendar of Events

**Sunday, December 17—Third Sunday of Advent:  
Candle of Joy**

Message: *Unrelenting Grace and the Healing  
of Our Churches*

by Rev. Peggy Garrigues  
Worship, 9:00 AM—Sanctuary  
Sunday School, 9:00AM—LL  
Adult Sunday School, 10:15AM, FLC LL

**Monday, December 18**

Food Pantry, LL (2:00PM)  
Adult Bible Study, 5:30 PM, FH

**Tuesday, December 19**

Church Council Mtg, 6:30 PM, FH

**Wednesday, December 20**

Coffee Connection, FH, 9:00 AM  
Senior Dining, FH, 11:30 AM  
Treasure Seekers, 3:30-5:15PM, FLC  
Treasure Seekers Christmas Pageant,  
5:15 PM, FH

Christmas Dinner Family Meal, FH, 5:30 PM

Caroling, 6:15PM, S,  
Cookie Decorating and Cocoa, 7PM, FH  
Bell Choir, 7:30-8:30 PM, S

**Thursday, December 21**

AA Meeting, LL, 7PM

**Friday, December 22**

Senior Dining, FH, 11:30 AM

**Saturday, December 23**

UM Men's Group, FH, 6AM

**Worship Volunteers  
Sunday December 17th**

**Lay Reader:** Keela Herr  
**Greeter/Usher (s):** Al Hulse &  
Tanner Vollbrecht  
**Acolyte (s):** Madelyn Moses  
**Fellowship:** Don & Lisa Evans  
**AV Volunteers:**  
**Sunday School Volunteers:** Janeen Moses

Pastor Peggy will be working in Solon on Mondays through Thursdays. Since she will sometimes be making visits, be at meetings, or may start at different times depending on when she has an evening meeting, please call, text, or email ahead to make a specific appointment to see her.

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## Bulletin Announcements

(\* Indicates New or Updated Items)

We now have an Emmanuel Tree located in the narthex. Please take a moment and write down where you see God in our midst on one of the blank cards and hang it on the tree!

Join us this Wednesday at 5:15PM for the After School Program, Treasure Seekers, Christmas Pageant! Stay for our Christmas Dinner Family Meal at 5:30 PM and following we'll also do some caroling in the Sanctuary and then decorate cookies and enjoy hot cocoa! Don't miss out on the fun!

We will hold Worship at our normal time of 9AM on Christmas Eve and also host two Candlelight Worship services in the afternoon/evening at 4PM and 5:30PM.

The church office will be closed between December 26th and January 2nd.

Pastor Peggy will be taking vacation December 27th through January 2nd. Ret. Pastor Jill Mack will preach on December 31st. Thank you Jill!

Please note that due to the holidays, Senior Dining will be closed on December 25th and January 1st.

Wednesday night activities will resume on Wednesday January 3rd!

## SUMC Staff

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*Making disciples of Jesus Christ for  
the transformation of our world.*

**December 17, 2023**

**9:00 AM**