

MOUNT GRETNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, December 29, 2024
1st Sunday after Christmas Day
* * * ORDER OF WORSHIP * * *

WE GATHER

WELCOME & PARISH NOTES
PRELUDE

*INVOCATION:

Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit,
alight within us your flame of love this day.
Grant us openness to hear your message.
**Grant us courage to be your messengers in the world,
creating more joy in the midst of fear.**
In Jesus' name, Amen.

*OPENING HYMN "*Angels from the Realms of Glory*" #220 UMH
Pink Insert Collected

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

GOSPEL READING Luke 2:1-20

+CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

SERMON Angels Among Us: This Will Be a Sign
#morelove

WE RESPOND

HYMN "*Surely, the Presence*" #328 UMH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, concluding with unison Lord's Prayer
(trespasses)

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY *Tune: O Come, O Come Emmanuel*
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all Spirit messengers below.
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**God of ALL people and possibility,
we offer these gifts so that they may be transformed
into your good news
for the sake of the world. Amen.**

WE GO FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN "*Go Tell It On the Mountain*" #251 UMH

*THE MISSION TO THE MESSENGERS/BENEDICTION

*SONG RESPONSE "*He Is Born*" (*refrain only*) #228 UMH

*POSTLUDE

(*)= Please stand if able
(+)= 10:00 AM Service Only
UMH= United Methodist Hymnal

The pink insert to your bulletin is there for you to share any joys or concerns you may have for our prayer time this morning. Please hand the slip to an usher during the Opening Hymn and they will bring your request to the pastor to be shared and added to our prayer chain. If you are a visitor with us and would like to share any information, please use the other side of the insert.

Greeters:
Bowman Family

Flowers

This week's flowers are presented to Louise and Tom Maurer for their anniversary.

+++++**ANNOUNCEMENTS**+++++

Wednesday	Jan. 1, 2025	Happy New Year	Office is closed
Wed.	Jan. 15 th	Gathering Place	Noon
Wed.	Jan. 15 th	Finance Admin Council	6:00 PM 7:00 PM

College Connection:

Please let the office know if your family includes students attending college/university. MGUMC would like to send them care packages at those particularly stressful times like midterms and finals.

Snow Watch: It is that time of year to watch the weather. We are registered on ABC 27 snow watch. In the event of inclement weather, please check for any service or event cancelations.

Flower Chart: The flower chart is up on the bulletin board. Please be sure to print the information if you donate flowers.

Mount Gretna United Methodist Church

"A church for all seasons and all people"



Our Mission is ...

- to know Christ and make him known.
- to help people become—and grow as—followers of Christ.
- to relieve suffering, in our community and beyond, through our members' ministries.

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