



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VISTA
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Worship Bulletin of the United Methodist Church of Vista

*We are called to be an authentic, accessible and inclusive community
in Christ, celebrating and extending God's love into the world.*

In-house and Live-stream (livestream.umcvista.org) Worship

Blended Sunday Morning

December 14, 2025

10:00 a.m.

3rd Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Music: Dobrinski

Anderson Handbells

Opening Worship

Greeting and Invocation (Pastor Broghan)

***Call to Worship** (Pastor Broghan)

Leader: The prophets dared to dream of joy breaking into barren places.

People: We come longing for that joy to rise in us again.

Leader: Mary sang of a God who upends injustice and fills the hungry with good things.

People: We come ready to hear the song again and to join its harmony.

Leader: Joy does not ignore pain—it refuses to let pain have the final word.

People: This is the joy we seek, the joy God brings, the joy we celebrate today.

All: Come, let us worship the God who calls us into joy!

Opening Hymn

UMH 203 - Hail to the Lord's Anointed (Vs. 1, 3 & 4)

Adam Ferrara, Organ

Candle Lighting

Reader 1: In Advent we listen for the voices of the prophets—voices that tell the truth about the world as it is, and voices that dare to imagine the world as it could be.

Reader 2: The prophets spoke of joy: joy that blooms in the desert, joy that rises from despair, joy that refuses to be crushed by fear or injustice.

Reader 1: Mary carried this joy in her body and in her song—a joy big enough to topple the mighty and lift up the lowly. A joy rooted not in denial, but in a God who keeps showing up in surprising places.



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Reader 2: Today we light the candle of Joy. May its flame remind us that God's dream for the world is still unfolding; that joy is both gift and calling; that even in weary times, we can choose to be people who bear good news.

(Light the Candle of Joy)

All: God of joy, kindle in us the courage of the prophets. Open our hearts to your hope, and make us bearers of joy in a world longing for your light. Amen.

Ministry Moments (Pastor Broghan)

Invite Children to Godly Play

Proclamation

1st Scripture Reading (Dakota Koenig)

[Isaiah 35:1–6a, 10 NRSV](#)

Gift of Music

Rejoice and Be Merry

Music: Patti Drennan

Chancel Choir

2nd Scripture Reading (Dakota Koenig)

[Luke 1:46–55 NRSV](#)

Homily (Pastor Broghan)

Response

Prayer Time

-Invitation to Prayer Stations and Offering

Prayer Music

Pastoral Prayer (Pastor Broghan)

Hymn of Promise

Behold Him

Praise Band

The Apostles' Creed

UMH 881



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Communion Liturgy

Communion Hymn
Good To Me
Praise Band

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

UMH 94 – Doxology
Praise Band

Prayer of Dedication

Sending Forth

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Leader: Go now as people who have seen God's joy break into the world—in prophets who dreamed,
in Mary who sang, and in Christ who came among us in love.

People: We go to live that joy in a hurting world.

Leader: Let joy be your courage, your resistance, your hope, and your gift.

All: We go with God's joy in our hearts. Amen.

Closing Hymn

UMH 240 – Hark the Herald Angels Sing
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Benediction (Pastor Broghan)

Postlude

What Child is This?

Arr. Lani Smith
Tim Smith and Adam Ferrara, Piano Duet



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Announcements

Giving thanks for your Support and Contributions: You are essential to all we do for Vista and beyond. Please consider making a financial contribution to the ongoing work of this faith community. Your monetary gifts can be dropped in the offering box, put through the secure mail slot near the office or use your credit card at the Scrip table. Thank you!

Youth Group: Meets today from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. See John Giard with any questions.

Plan to stay after worship for Bible Study (in Cable Hall) in a conversationally inclusive lecture format, where we'll learn a little more about each week's topic.

United Women in Faith's Annual Christmas Bake sale is today from 9 – 11:30 a.m. in the Narthex.

Christmas Concert - "A Candle in the Window" TODAY at 4 p.m. Featuring 4-hands piano pieces with Tim Smith, Brenda Foss, and Adam Ferrara. Also with the Chancel Choir, Anderson Handbells, orchestra, band, and a new guest youth choir. Bring your friends and family to experience this musical gift to the community. A free-will offering will be gratefully accepted to support future programs.

Remembering our staff at Christmas... We invite your gifts of cash donations or checks. Please place gifts in the Present Box in the Narthex or in the offering basket today. Your gifts will be presented to the staff before Christmas.

Blue Christmas Service, Friday, Dec. 19, 4:00 p.m.

Please join family, friends, and community members at UMC Vista for a Blue Christmas Service on Friday, Dec. 19 at 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Blue Christmas is an occasion to gather together, remember, and acknowledge our grief and extend support to all in the community experiencing loss. All are welcome.



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