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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 21, 2025
10:00 a.m.
4th Sunday of Advent

Prelude
Adam Ferrara

Opening Worship

Greeting and Invocation (Pastor Broghan)

Choral
UMH 207 – Prepare the Way of the Lord
Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship** (Pastor Broghan)
Leader: In this season of waiting, we remember that faith is not standing still.
People: Faith is movement. Faith is journey.
Leader: Some were called by angels, some by dreams, some by stars in the night sky.
People: God speaks in many ways.
Leader: The shepherds ran. The magi traveled far. Mary and Joseph set out without knowing the end.
People: We, too, are on a journey.
Leader: Not all of our roads look the same. Not all of our callings sound alike.
People: But we are drawn toward the same Love.
Leader: Come, let us worship the God who meets us on the road.
People: We come, ready to journey together. Amen.

Opening Hymn
UMH 234 – O Come, All Ye Faithful
Adam Ferrara, Organ

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Candle Lighting

Leader 1: Throughout Advent, we have remembered that God meets us in many ways.
In dreams that stir our hearts. In mystery that cannot be explained.
In prophecy that invites us to participate. Today, we remember that all
of these lead us onto a journey.
Reader 2: The shepherds journeyed because angels called them.
The magi journeyed because a star drew them forward.
Mary and Joseph journeyed because dreams warned them and love
compelled them.
Reader 1: Each journey was different. Each road was uncertain.
Yet all were moving toward the same hope.
Reader 2: We light these candles as signs of the many ways God calls us
and the many roads we walk.

(Light the candles.)

All: God of many voices and many paths, teach us to listen for how you are calling us,
and give us courage to take the next faithful step. Amen.

Ministry Moments (Pastor Broghan)

Invite Children to Godly Play

Proclamation

1st Scripture Reading (Harrison Beal)
Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)

Gift of Music
UMH 230 – O Little Town of Bethlehem (Vs. 1, 2 & 4)
Adam Ferrara, Piano

2nd Scripture Reading (Harrison Beal)
Luke 1:39-45 (NRSV)

Homily (Pastor Broghan)

Response

Prayer Time
-Invitation to Prayer Stations and Offering

Prayer Music

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Pastoral Prayer (Pastor Broghan)

Hymn of Promise
O Come, All You Unfaithful (Vs. 1-5)
Praise Band

The Apostles' Creed
UMH 881

Communion Liturgy

Communion Hymn
FWS 2095 – Star Child (Vs. 1-5)
Praise Band

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

UMH 94 – Doxology
Adam Ferrara, Organ

Prayer of Dedication

Sending Forth

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We go now on our journey, not all called in the same way, not all walking the same road.
Some of us are guided by dreams, some by mystery, some by signs we barely understand.

Yet we trust that God knows how to reach us and will meet us along the way.
We honor our own journeys and the journeys of others,
knowing we are all drawn toward the same Love.
May we listen for the call we can hear, take the next faithful step,
and walk with courage, compassion, and hope.
We go in peace, to love and serve, knowing God journeys with us. Amen.

Closing Hymn
UMH 206 – I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Praise Band

Benediction (Pastor Broghan)

Postlude

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Linus and Lucy
Adam Ferrara, Piano

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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!

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.

Christmas Eve Worship: 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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