



“When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.”

- Matthew 1:24

December 21, 2025

ROLLING HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS
8:30 & 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.**

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 and 10 a.m.

*As we gather we hope you will visit quietly with friends.
Please silence cell phones.*

*Standing - if comfortable

PRELUDE

“Suite in A Major” – Handel

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 80:1-3

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

People: Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Leader: Restore us, O God.

People: Let your face shine, that we may be saved.

*HYMN

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” – vs 1, 2 & 3

#203

Hail to the Lord’s Anointed, great David’s greater Son!

Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;

To take away transgression, and rule with equity.

He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong;

To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;

**To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.**

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;

Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.

Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go,

And righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: God of grace and glory, we know ourselves to be prone to uncertainty and alarm.

We sometimes hesitate when we could help, or proceed with caution when we could demonstrate care. And so we pray that you would speak to our hearts with a love that casts out fear. Transform us, and the world, with the abiding presence of the baby in Bethlehem, our savior. Grant us courage to follow the path of faith. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

8:30 – Dave Larson

10:00 – Brent Howell

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#238

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o’er the plains,

And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Welcome pads are at the seats closest to the center aisle. Please share your name and any helpful information and pass down the row. Afterward please return to the aisle seat.

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN - Lighting the Candle of Love

The children are invited to gather in front of the steps for a brief sermon and prayer.

Afterward, they may leave for Sunday School or stay for the rest of the service.

A candle is burning, a candle of love.

A candle to point us to heaven above.

A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,

For Jesus is bringing God's love to the earth.

ANTHEM

"Hallelujah to the Newborn King!" – Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Jonathan Chute

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

Althea Waites

*DOXOLOGY

#95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures, here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

8:30 – Dave Lason

10:00 – Brent Howell

Matthew 1:18-25

An angel visits Joseph

Pg. 1, New Testament

SERMON

"Getting Past the Fear"

April Herron

*HYMN

"Angels from the Realms of Glory" vs 1, 2 & 3

#220

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;

Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,

God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;

Seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

There's a Spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere:

Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

POSTLUDE

"Prelude and Fugue in F Major" – J. S. Bach

Althea Waites

Important year-end note! To have your gifts count toward 2025 please be sure they are received or postmarked by December 31. Thank you for your generosity as we bring this remarkable year to a strong finish.



Christmas Eve

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP / WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 pm Children's Service with Carols and Nativity

8:00 pm Musical Christmas with 3rd Service Ensemble
Sunday School available for children

10:00 pm Candlelight, Carols and Communion

New to the Church?

We are grateful that we can worship together. Please use our digital welcome pad by opening the QR code. Thank you!



Rev. Jonathan Chute, Senior Pastor
Rev. Kristin Sutrave, Youth Ministry Director
Charles Dickerson, III, Music Director
Paula Kuno, 3rd Service Music
Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director
Peggy Roulette, Church Office Administrator
Wade Welch, Treasurer

Rev. Dr. April Herron, Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus
Althea Waites, Organist
Debra DeLuca, Children's Ministry Director
Gabby Palacios, Kid Zone Director
Michele Nelson, Executive Assistant
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