

# 1<sup>ST</sup> UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ROLLA

10:00 a.m. - December 14, 2025

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Welcome to Worship



## Holy Light - A Candlelight Service of Carols

Arranged by Robert A. Hobby, Poetry Susan Palo Cherwin

<http://www.firstumcrolla.org>

Sunday: **Donuts & Hangout** 8:30 a.m., **Learning** 9 a.m., **Worship** 10 a.m.

Facebook: [facebook.com/1st United Methodist Church of Rolla, Missouri](https://www.facebook.com/1stUnitedMethodistChurchofRolla)

803 N Main Street, Rolla, Missouri 65401, 573.364.3980



**Office Hours:** Monday & Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Text **CONNECT** to 573.787.4200

or scan the QR code to subscribe.



God calls us to **Love Boldly**, **Serve Joyfully** and **Lead Courageously**

# Holy Light - A Candlelight Service of Carols

Arranged by Robert A. Hobby, Poetry Susan Palo Cherwin

## THE GATHERING LIGHT

Poetry Reading: "Closed Rooms" Joanne Anderson & Ron Reising  
+ Processional Song: ***Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*** Festival Choir & Congregation  
Congregation Joins in Singing Verses **3 & 4**

## THE PROMISE OF LIGHT

A Reading of **JOHN 1:1-9** (NRSV) Mark Potrafka, Director of Ignite College Ministries  
Choral Anthem: *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* Festival Choir  
Poetry Reading: "Three Parts to the Season" Ron Reising  
Choral Anthem: *My Lord, What A Morning* Festival Choir

## THE LIGHT DAWNS

Poetry Reading: "Birth" Joanne Anderson  
Choral Anthem: *Still, Still, Still* Festival Choir  
+ Carol Anthem: ***He Is Born*** Festival Choir & Congregation  
The Congregation Joins in Singing the **Refrain**  
A Reading of **LUKE 1:76-79** (NRSV) Mark Potrafka, Director of Ignite College Ministries

## THE LIGHT SPREADS

Choral Anthem: *What Child Is This* Festival Choir  
Poetry Reading: "Light: Both Particle and Wave" Joanne Anderson & Ron Reising  
Choral Anthem: *Bring A Torch, Jeannette, Isabella* Festival Choir  
Poetry Reading: "Birth" Joanne Anderson

## LIGHT TO THE WORLD

Choral Anthem: *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light* Festival Choir  
Invitation to Offering / Offertory  
Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy Maureen Cowan & Kelli Jennings  
Poetry Reading: "Blue" Ron Reising  
Choral Anthem: *O Come, Little Children* Festival Choir  
Poetry Reading: "Light, Sum of All" Joanne Anderson  
+ Carol Anthem: ***Go, Tell It on the Mountain*** Festival Choir & Congregation  
The Congregation Joins in Singing the **Refrain**  
+ Shared Prayer  
+ Sending Carol: ***Joy to the World*** Festival Choir & Congregation  
+ Benediction Joanne Anderson & Ron Reising  
+ Postlude: A Flourish on *Joy to the World* Lorie Francis, Pianist

"+" Indicates a time to stand as you are able

All songs registered under CCLI License #1644964

## How One Lives as a Disciple of Jesus Christ:

As you seek, daily, to follow Jesus Christ by loving God and Neighbor, and as you *“Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord”* (HEBREWS 12:14):

- 1.) **Do No Harm by Avoiding Evil of Every Kind.**
- 2.) **Do Good** (*Grow in Love toward People*): Listen-to & Talk-with Others from the Heart ✚ In Thought, Deed, & Word, Always Witness to Your Faith ✚ Volunteer to Serve when Prompted or Asked ✚ Help the Poor ✚ Feed the Hungry ✚ Visit the Sick ✚ Work for Justice & Peace.
- 3.) **Grow in Lovingly Obedient Relationship with God:** Pray Every Day ✚ Read the Bible Every Day ✚ Worship – Publicly, Privately & Regularly ✚ Receive Communion Whenever Offered ✚ Make Room for God via Fasting or Abstinence ✚ Give Generously.

Because, *“The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.”* (GALATIANS 5:6[b])

Our Mission:

**To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

<b>The Head of this Church.....</b>	<b>Jesus Christ</b>
<b>Ministers.....</b>	<b>All 1<sup>st</sup> Church People Who Love and Serve God and Neighbor</b>
Lay Leader.....	<i>Could This Be You?</i>
Church Council Chairperson.....	Kevin Edwards
Church Administrator.....	Susan Tennyson
Church Treasurer.....	Kate Watterson
Preschool Director.....	Rana Ragan
Worship Leader.....	Bob Kraus
Pianist.....	William Owen
Worship Administrator.....	Nancy Bucknell
Worship A/V Technician.....	Lisa Martin
Children’s Ministry & Worship Arts Director.....	Lisa Calvert
Serve Coordinator.....	Susan Tennyson
<b>Interim Youth Ministry Director.....</b>	<b>Joel Kidwell</b>
<b>IGNITE College Ministry Director.....</b>	<b>Mark Potrafka</b>
Bishop of the Missouri Conference of The United Methodist Church.....	Rev. Robert Farr
Southeast District Superintendent.....	Rev. Jon Thompson
Pastor Emeritus.....	Rev. Bob Morrison
Pastor.....	<b>Joel Kidwell / 573.225.6042 / joel@firstumcrolla.org</b>

**Hello! It's great to have you here. Please register your attendance.**

Please register your attendance using the paper sheets, iPads, or the Church Center app on a mobile device.

Today's Red Bucket for December will be **The Russell House**. **PLEASE NOTE:** Because we are not having Communion today, our red bucket is on the camera stand at the back of the Sanctuary.

*Thank you.*

### Advent 2025: **Brought to the Light**

by Anna Grace Legband.

Let's walk through Advent together — anchored in Scripture, stirred by reflection, and shaped in community. Brought to the Light is a daily invitation to draw near to Jesus and grow in **Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love**.

The best way to participate in Brought to the Light is to subscribe to Seedbed's "Wake Up Call" e-mail devotion at by scanning the QR code below, which links directly to the sign-up page and podcast/YouTube links:



### Today's Chancel Flowers

This week our flowers are in honor and celebration of **Pennye & Leon Hall's 58th Anniversary**. Thank you to everyone who has provided flowers this year. The 2026 Signup Sheet is in the Narthex.

**United Women in Faith PECANS** are available in the Narthex. Please pick up your order or buy the extras at \$12 / Bag



**Rana Ragan** has been a solid staff member as our Preschool Director, especially in this season of transition. Susan Tennyson is collecting a cash gift for her. Please give generously. Thank you.

### Prayer Requests:

**Mark Calvert—William Owen**  
**Alvin Hoffman—Sue Reno—Jerry Wagner**  
**Gary Stanley—Sue & Max Trueblood**  
**Susan Winchester—Kent Wray**  
**Kathy Heflin—Barb Reising**

### An Opportunity for those with the Gift of Administration & Finance:

Our church needs a group of fiscally-minded folks to be part of a team that'll do two things:

- 1.) Craft a Budget for 2026, and**
- 2.) Draft a policy for our Foundation Investments to protect them for generations to come.**

Those called or interested in this temporary ministry role should contact Kevin Edwards or Joel Kidwell. Thank you.

### LAST CALL: Pastor Joel's Membership Class

Tuesday 12/16 & Thursday 12/18  
both at 5:30 p.m. in Room 200

### Phelps County Food Distribution

Saturday, **December 20th** @ The Dream Center  
If you are available to volunteer please help out during this busy season 8am-noon

Blue Christmas for those who are experiencing grief, or just struggling with life and all its challenges.

**Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:14 p.m.**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
**Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.**  
Invite your family, friends, & neighbors, and come yourself, too, to celebrate Christ's Birth at this special worship gathering.

**Youth Group** each Sunday @ 4:44—6:07 p.m. in Room 300. Snacks and coloring pages provided.