

Communion &
Act of Remembrance
Star Child 2095
Silent Night 293

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn

“A Different Kind of Christmas”

*Benediction

Postlude



*Fourth Sunday
of Advent*

United Methodist Church

340 N Newell Ave, Minden, Nebraska

Order of Worship

December 21, 2025

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Welcome of Guests—Greeting—Sharing of Announcements—Invocation

1. Christmas Eve Service will be Wednesday at 7:00pm.
2. January 4, Following Worship we will have a meal. Sign up sheet is on the back table.
3. Single Board Structure Training January 11th at Shelton UMC at 11:30am or Grand Island First Faith at 3:00pm or January 12th at Hastings Grace at 6:30pm.
4. The carts are in the lobby for food pantry collection. There is a list on the table of needed items.
5. Check Bulletin board by office for activities.
6. If you'd like to volunteer as a helper during worship service please sign up on the sheet located at the back of the sanctuary.

December 21-27, 2025

Sunday

10:00am Worship with Communion

Monday

Happy Birthday! Erin Koch, Sam Martin & Jade Melroy.

Tuesday

Wednesday

7:00pm Christmas Eve Service

Thursday

Christmas Day

Friday

Saturday

Last week we received offering of \$6,295.

Opening Hymn **UMH 196**
“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

***Call to Worship**

One: Remember the messengers of faith you have known, rejoice, and give thanks for their witness.

Many: We, too, will prepare the way of Christ; we will help to level the hills and valleys of life.

One: Hold one another in your hearts this day; pray that love may rule all your relationships.

Many: We will weep with those who weep. We will rejoice with those who rejoice.

One: God will be with you wherever you go. AMEN.

Advent Wreath Lighting

“Advent Song” TFWS 2090 vs 1-4

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer of Confession

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Passing the Peace of Christ

Young Disciple’s Lesson

“Where Children Belong” TFWS 2233

Preparatory Hymn

UMH 242

“Love Came Down at Christmas”

Scripture Proclamation

Kent Verbeck

Isaiah 40:1-8, 28-31

Comfort, comfort my people! says your God. Speak compassionately to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her compulsory service has ended, that her penalty has been paid, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins! A voice is crying out: “Clear the Lord’s way in the desert! Make a level highway in the wilderness for our God! Every valley will be raised up, and every mountain and hill will be flattened. Uneven ground will become level, and rough terrain a valley plain. The Lord’s glory will appear, and all humanity will see it together; the Lord’s mouth has commanded it.” A voice was saying: “Call out!” And another said, “What should I call out?” All flesh is grass; all its loyalty is like the flowers of the field. The grass dries up and the flower withers when the Lord’s breath blows on it. Surely the people are grass. The grass dries up; the flower withers, but our God’s word will exist forever. Don’t you know? Haven’t you heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth. He doesn’t grow tired or weary. His understanding is beyond human reach, giving power to the tired and reviving the exhausted. Youths will become tired and weary, young men will certainly stumble; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength; they will fly up on wings like eagles; they will run and not be tired; they will walk and not be weary.

The word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon “The Empty Chair” Rev. Kayla Mangrich

Responsive Hymn

“Somewhere In Your Silent Night”

