

Sermon "The Witch" Rev. Kayla Mangrich

Communion

Offertory — Doxology #94

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn UMH 213

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

*Benediction

Postlude



*Second Sunday
of Advent*

United Methodist Church

340 N Newell Ave, Minden, Nebraska

Order of Worship

December 7, 2025

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Prelude

Welcome of Guests—Greeting—Sharing of Announcements—Invocation

1. Wednesday United Women in Faith at 9:30am.
2. Single Board Structure Training January 11th at Shelton UMC from 11:30am-1:30pm.
3. Pledge cards are on the back table please fill out and place in the basket or the offering tray.
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 7-13, 2025

Sunday

10:00am Worship with Communion

11:15am Confirmation

Happy Birthday! Mike Conyers.

Monday

8am-4pm WIC

7pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday

Happy Birthday! Kathi Schutz.

Happy Anniversary Malcom & Nikki Dornhoff—25 years

Wednesday

9:30am United Women in Faith

3:30pm Wednesday School

6:00pm Finance Meeting

Thursday

1:30pm Prayer Time

Happy Anniversary Tim & Tammy Burke—43 years

Friday

Saturday

Happy Birthday! Lee Mills.

Last week we received offering of \$1,160.

Opening Hymn

UMH 196

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

*Call to Worship

One: People of God, Christ has invited us here!

Many: We gather to praise God, who brings justice and righteousness to all.

One: We gather to give thanks to God for hope and peace.

Many: Blessed be the Lord, who has done marvelous things.

One: Let us praise God together!

Advent Wreath Lighting

“Advent Song” TFWS 2090 vs 1 & 2

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 211 vs. 1, 2, & 4

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Scripture Proclamation

KayLyn McBride

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot will grow up from the stump of Jesse; a branch will sprout from his roots. The Lord’s spirit will rest upon him, a spirit of wisdom and understanding, a spirit of planning and strength, a spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord. He will delight in fearing the Lord. He won’t judge by appearances, nor decide by hearsay. He will judge the needy with righteousness, and decide with equity for those who suffer in the land. He will strike the violent with the rod of his mouth; by the breath of his lips he will kill the wicked.

Righteousness will be the belt around his hips, and faithfulness the belt around his waist. The wolf will live with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat; the calf and the young lion will feed together, and a little child will lead them. The cow and the bear will graze. Their young will lie down together, and a lion will eat straw like an ox. A nursing child will play over the snake’s hole; toddlers will reach right over the serpent’s den. They won’t harm or destroy anywhere on my holy mountain. The earth will surely be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, just as the water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse will stand as a signal to the peoples. The nations will seek him out, and his dwelling will be glorious.

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the desert of Judea announcing, “Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!” He was the one of whom Isaiah the prophet spoke when he said: The voice of one shouting in the wilderness, “*Prepare the way for the Lord; make his paths straight.*” John wore clothes made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. People from Jerusalem, throughout Judea, and all around the Jordan River came to him. As they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River. Many Pharisees and Sadducees came to be baptized by John. He said to them, “You children of snakes! Who warned you to escape from the angry judgment that is coming soon? Produce fruit that shows you have changed your hearts and lives. And don’t even think about saying to yourselves, Abraham is our father. I tell you that God is able to raise up Abraham’s children from these stones. The ax is already at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that doesn’t produce good fruit will be chopped down and tossed into the fire. I baptize with water those of you who have changed your hearts and lives. The one who is coming after me is stronger than I am. I’m not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. The shovel he uses to sift the wheat from the husks is in his hands. He will clean out his threshing area and bring the wheat into his barn. But he will burn the husks with a fire that can’t be put out.”

The Word of God, for the people of God—**Thanks be to God**