

Denmark Manor United Church of Christ

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Denmark Manor seeks the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as we work together through.....

The Congregation.....Disciples of Christ
 Rev. Donald C. Watkins.....Pastor
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 Robin Brautigam.....Worship Leader

Second Sunday after Christmas 1/05/2025

Please remember to turn off your cell phones during the Worship Service. Thank you.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Words:

What gift shall we bring to treasure honor King Jesus, who honors us with the gifts of love and grace?

(Brief moment of silence)

***Ringing of the Bell**

***Introit: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"**

All: Infant holy, Infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;

Oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Swift are winging, Angels singing, Noels ringing, Tidings bringing;

Christ the Babe is Lord of all. Christ the Babe was born for you!

Attendance for December 24, 2024:	105
Offering for December 24, 2024:	\$2,059.00

Attendance for December 29, 2024:	49
Offering for December 29, 2024:	\$1,847.00

There will be a Consistory meeting on Monday January 6, at 7 p.m.

On January 19, 2025, we will hold our Annual Meeting immediately following the service. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

“God is still speaking . . .”

A Moment of Silent Reflection

Kyrie #750

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Words of Assurance:

In Christ’s grace, we can boldly embrace God’s love. In Christ’s mercy, we can confidently proclaim that God’s love is enough.

***Act of Praise Gloria Patri**

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

***Passing the Peace of Christ:**

Leader: May peace prosper among us until the moon is no more. May we share signs of peace and love to sustain us in this New Year. May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you all!

People: And also, with you!

(Let us lovingly pass our greetings and wish peace on each other!)

Anthem: “Gather ‘Round the Table of the Lord”

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6

New Testament Lesson: Ephesians 3:1-12

***Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12**

Sermon: “A Gracious Gift Returned!”

**Hymn of Preparation:
“One Bread, One Body” #620 UMH (vs.1&2)**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Remembrance is lit in hope that the Holy Spirit would bring peace to the world. In lighting it we remember all past and present military personnel, medical workers and first responders, especially those in harm’s way.

Call to Prayer: “Hear our prayer, O God”

All: Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God. Incline your ear to us and grant us your peace.

**Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer
Prayer of Our Savior:**

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For
Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering:

On this day of celebration, let us bring our gifts, as sages of old once brought gifts to Christ the King. May our gifts become the light of Christ for the world.

Recognition of Our Time of Sharing:

Offering Music *Offertory Response: “Doxology”

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Offering Prayer: (Unison)**

Generous God, thank you for the gift of Jesus. Thank you for the gifts of Christmas. Thank you for inviting us to bring gifts to your world. Bless the gifts we bring, that they may become vessels of Christ’s light and love in the world. Amen.

***Hymn: “We Three Kings”
#14 Green Booklet (vs.1-3)**

***The Benediction:**

Pastor: Arise; shine!

People: The world needs our light.

Pastor: Go forth with grace and love.

People: Every person needs our grace and love.

Pastor: Go forth with the gift of Christ’s presence.

People: Christ’s presence will save us all. Amen.

All: Amen.

***Benediction Response:**

“Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child” #136 NCH (x2)

***Postlude**

***Call to Worship: (Responsive)**

L: Bring your gifts and bring your love to honor the King of love.

P: Bring your worship and bring your praise to pay homage to Christ Jesus, our King.

***Opening Prayer: (Unison)**

Gracious God, we come into your presence with joy and praise, grateful for the gift of Christ Jesus in our lives. As we celebrate this gift in our service of worship, fill our hearts with Christmas joy and our spirits with the gift of your Holy Spirit. With joy and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: “What Child is This”
#219 UMH (vs.1&3)**

Prayer of Yearning:

Christ Jesus, we yearn for your grace to fill our lives. We yearn to accept your love so fully that our hearts might overflow with love for your world. Gift us, not just with your mercy and grace, but with an openness and confidence to receive your gifts. Shine through our hearts, our lives, and our actions, that others may find in us generous friends of grace and love. May our prayers and our actions bring your light and love to the world. Amen.