



**December 21, 2025**

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Greeting/Announcements/Passing the Peace – *Glory Tharp*

### **Call to Worship – Aurora Morabito**

Leader: Come, people of God, the Light is drawing near.

**People: We gather to remember the God whose love breaks into our world.**

Leader: In the stillness of this holy season, God whispers good news to the humble and the lowly.

**People: We come with open hearts, ready to receive the love that seeks us first.**

Leader: The God who chose shepherds still chooses us—still calls us, still comes close.

**People: Let us lift our eyes and open our spirits to the One who loves the world.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God whose love is born among us.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Love Divine. Amen.**

### **Prayer– Aurora Morabito**

Gracious and loving God, In this holy Advent season, You have drawn us into Your presence once again. We thank You for the love that moves first—love that comes looking for us even when we are not looking for You. As we gather, open our hearts to receive the good news announced to the shepherds. Let the light of Christ break into our darkness. Let the warmth of Your presence calm our fears. Let the wonder of Your love awaken us to praise. Fill this worship service with Your Spirit. Speak to us, shape us, and send us out as witnesses of the love born in Bethlehem. We offer this time to You, O God, with expectancy and hope. In the name of Jesus, Love made flesh. Amen.

**Advent Candle Lighting, Joy – Wilson/McPartland Family**

## **Songs of Worship – *Praise Team***

Children's Message – *Jocelyn Sine*

*The children and youth are invited to Sunday School in the Mission Building.*

## **Hymn - # 220 Angels from the Realms of Glory**

Prayer – *Joan Beharie*

## **Lord's Prayer**

**People: 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Scripture: Luke 2:8-20

Sermon: Love That Comes Near

Offering / Special Music

## **Doxology**

## **Hymn – # 204 Emmanuel, Emmanuel**

**Benediction – *Pastor Tammie Isidore***

## **Prayers**

Dotnie Smith, Helen Welsh and Korey Jackson at Mem'l West ICU, Alice Ebanks at Glades West Rehab, Richard Ebanks Hospice, Pat Allen, John and Joanne Baker, Alvin Barnett, Jeannie and Kevin Buckley, Wayne Byers, Ginny & Bernie Calehuff, Myra Christensen, Susie & Dr. Bob Dickinson, Marlene Ebanks, Stephen Evans, Linda Fales, Elizabeth Farrie, Luella Gentles, Claudia Glover, Patty Hodge, Mike Lewis, Faye Lindo, Lili Mazuriek, Jamie Pascucci, Gail Petrosa, Pumpkin Charlie, David Reardon, Barbara Reed, Ginnie Stonebraker, Lucy Stevens, TJ Summers, Sue Sweat, Shirley Tegzes, Lucille Wattles, Helen Welsh, Alda Williams, Pastor Tammie's daughter Ty and grandson Wayne, Heaven's Gate UMC and Church on the Solid Rock UMC Cuba; the United Methodist Church, Residing Hope Foster Care, our learning center, church, pastors and staff, our troops, our country, Jamaica, Haiti, Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, and first responders. Prayers for all affected by Hurricane Melissa.

## **Advent Sunday Night Communion and Prayer Service 6:00 pm**

All are welcome to join us as we focus on the true meaning of the season.

**Christmas Eve Services Wednesday, December 24, 4:00 & 5:30 pm**

At 4:00 pm we celebrate the birth of Jesus with our Family service. The children will become part of our nativity story. Angels, shepherds, lambs and more.

We'll take our light into the world with glowsticks.

At 5:30 pm we will share in our Candlelight Communion service. If you are worshipping at home please have your communion prepared to share with us.

Our middle school flute trio will share special music during each service.

**Upper Room Devotionals**

The Upper Room for January/February is available in the lobby. Donations appreciated

**Presence and Gifts**

We give thanks to everyone who joined us in person and online and thank you for your ministries and missions gifts of \$46,082. Operating needed each week is

\$12,380. **Online Giving** go to [www.newhorizonumc.com](http://www.newhorizonumc.com).

Click on Give tab and choose the fund. All 2025 gifts must be in by December 30.

We thank you for your continued faithfulness.

**2026 Giving Envelopes Available in the Lobby**

If you have pledged and requested giving envelopes, please pick them up as you leave worship. If you don't see your envelopes or would like to use envelopes, please make a note on the list with your name and note weekly or monthly giving envelopes. It's not too late to make your 2026 pledges to the work of God.

**Close the Gap Fund Drive**

We are asking for year-end financial help. We cannot use the funds from the sale of the parsonage for Operating Expenses, we have an outstanding insurance liability in the amount of \$28,570. Please consider contributing to this required part of our budget so that we can close the year without this liability passing into 2026.

Mark your check as NH Insurance. We realize this is a tough time of year for everyone, but any amount you can contribute will add up to paying off this debt.

**SERVANTS NEEDED**

Do You have a Heart to Serve?

Will you consider volunteering to serve on either the Financial Planning Committee (Determine Financial Goals) or the Maintenance Committee (Obtaining job estimates and determining facility needs)?

If interested, please contact Ginny Calehuff, Leadership Team Chairperson at 754-210-4074 or at [vcalehug@gmail.com](mailto:vcalehug@gmail.com). You can also contact any New Horizon Leadership Team Member--Glory Tharp; Angela Ashley; Karen Brook; Venus Evans; Kingsley Gordon; Joe Kenney; Michael Pascucci; or Heather Rose.

- Contacts for the Following Subcommittees are:
  - o Welcoming Committee: Venus Evans, Chair
  - o Hospitality Committee: Ginny Calehuff, Chair
  - o Safety And Security Committee: Glory Tharp, Certified Lay Minister

***New Horizon is a mission minded church. During the year we have many outreach giving opportunities local, national and international. We ask you to prayerfully consider which projects God is calling you to support.  
We thank you for all that you do to help others.***

**Our Complete Calendar is on our Website –  
[www.newhorizonumc.com/calendar](http://www.newhorizonumc.com/calendar)  
Office Hours Monday-Thursday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
WiFi in the Sanctuary, name: NHUMC password: blessyou**

