
SERVICE NOTES

UMH: *United Methodist Hymnal*, TFWS: *The Faith We Sing*, Girdwood Chapel's CCLI Basic #: 11038417, CCLI Streaming License #: CSPL155734, CEB: *Common English Bible*.

This week's worship helpers—Greeter: Jody, Tech Helper: Gus, Liturgist: Betty, Preacher: Pastor Hyunghee Kim

Next Week's Worship Helpers Sign-up (Christmas Eve Service, 7:30pm)

- Greeter: Ann
- Tech Helper: Kevin
- Liturgist: **TBD**

Announcements:

- **Food Pantry:** First Sundays 2-4p.m., 2nd&4th Wednesday 4-6p.m.
*Dec.23(Tue) at 4-6pm
- **Longest Night Service:** Dec.22, 6:00 p.m. at Girdwood Chapel
- **Christmas Eve Children's Pageant:** 5:00 p.m. at Alyeska Resort
- **Christmas Eve Service:** 7:30 p.m. at Girdwood Chapel

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Girdwood Chapel's Vision Statement:

Our vision is to be a heartbeat of Girdwood connected in love and committed to Christ, with faith that makes room for grace and honors differences.



*Our Church Mission:
Love God,
Love Others, and
Change the World!*

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

** Indicates an invitation to rise in body or spirit.*

WE GATHER

Welcome & Announcements (*back of bulletin*)

*Call to worship

One: Here in worship—

Many: we pray together,

One: we stand together,

Many: we sing together,

One: we listen together.

Many: Here in worship—we are not alone.

One: So when life gives you reason to grieve, to fear, or to worry, remember this moment.

Many: We are not alone.

One: Let us worship our with-us God.

*Opening hymn "O Come All Ye Faithful" by Reawaken Hymns

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Words of Forgiveness

WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer for illumination & Scripture reading

Isaiah 41:5-10 & Matthew 1:18-25 (CEB)

5 The coastlands see and fear; the ends of the earth tremble;
they draw near and arrive.

6 Each helps the other, each saying to the other, "Take courage!"

7 The craftsman encourages the metalworker; the one who smoothes with the hammer encourages the one who strikes the anvil, saying of the welding, "That's good," and strengthening it with nails so it won't move. 8 But you, Israel my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, offspring of Abraham, whom I love, 9 you whom I took from the ends of the earth and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, "You are my servant; I chose you and didn't reject you": 10 Don't fear, because I am with you; don't be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will surely help you; I will hold you with my righteous strong hand.

18 This is how the birth of Jesus Christ took place. When Mary his mother was engaged to Joseph, before they were married, she became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. 19 Joseph her husband was a righteous man. Because he didn't want to humiliate her, he decided to call off their engagement quietly. 20 As he was thinking about this, an angel from the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the child she carries was conceived by the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you will call him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

22 Now all of this took place so that what the Lord had spoken through the prophet would be fulfilled: 23 Look! A virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, And they will call him, Emmanuel. (Emmanuel means "God with us.") 24 When Joseph woke up, he did just as an angel from God commanded and took Mary as his wife. 25 But he didn't have sexual relations with her until she gave birth to a son. Joseph called him Jesus.

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message "When You're Afraid, Give Me Your Hand"

*Hymn after the message "In the Bleak Midwinter" UMH #221

WE RESPOND

Invitation to generosity: Offering baskets are available on the side/back of the sanctuary. Or Mail your check: PO Box 1068, Girdwood, AK 99587, or give online; *scan QR code*→



Offering prayer: Please join me in offering prayer

**All: God of courage and compassion,
as You have reached for us in love,
we now reach toward others through our gifts.
Bless these offerings that they may become
hands of healing, hope, and solidarity in our world.
Through Jesus Christ, our Emmanuel, we pray. Amen.**

Joys and concerns & The Lord's prayer

Joys: "Thanks be to God" | **Response: "Halleluia"**

Concerns: "God in Your mercy" | **Response: "Hear our prayer"**

Holy communion: *All are welcome at this open table.*

*Invitation to the Table; The Great Thanksgiving; Epiclesis;
Breaking the Bread; Sharing the Bread and the Cup*

WE GO FORTH

*Closing hymn "Joy To The World" by Reawaken Hymns

*Benediction

*Sending forth song "On Eagles Wings" (CCLI Song #3127)

It is the tradition of the Girdwood Chapel UMC to form a circle, hold hands, and sing 'On Eagles Wings.'

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