

Crawford Methodist Church

28 December 2025 Worship 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday After Christmas

PREPARATION

Gathering Hymn: "Angels We Have Heard on High" **UMH 238 v. 4**
See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Bringing in the Light of the World, Jesus Christ

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Janette Baldwin

*Call to Worship:

L: Beloved, we have waited, watched, and witnessed the coming of the Christ child. As we gather today on the other side of Christmas, we might be tempted to ask, "What now?"

P: We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.

L: In this season of Christmas, we remember that though Christ has come among us, the good news of freedom for captives, flourishing for the poor, and power returned to the disempowered does not reign in so many places.

P: We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.

L: With Mary and Joseph, we listen for God to show us how to protect and advocate for the vulnerable among us.

P: We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.

L: As we gather to worship today, may God bind us together in love, empowering us to live as followers of the Christ child who declare good news wherever we go.

P: We gather today as people who wait, watch, and work for the day that all the earth awaits. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation "Good Christian Friends Rejoice" **UMH 224 all**

PRAISE AND ADORATION

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed **UMH 881**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; The third day

he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Glory Be to the Father

UMH 70

*Psalter Reading: Psalm 148 **UMH 861-862**

Ronda Raley

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

Sunday School Verse: **"I pray that God, who gives hope, will bless you with complete happiness and peace because of your faith. And may the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with hope." (Romans 15:13)**

Children's Sermon

Suzie Devorsky

Hymn of Adoration:

"What Child Is This"

UMH 219 all

DEDICATION

Offertory Prayer

Janette Baldwin

Offertory Music

Karen Crockett

*The Doxology

UMH 95

PROCLAMATION

Scripture: Matthew 2:13-23 **NT 1**

Rev. Kent Berry

Response to God's Word:

L: The Word of God, for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon:

"Signs and Power"

Rev. Kent Berry

RESPONSE

*Hymn of Invitation: "There's a Song in the Air"

UMH 249 v. 1, 4

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*Benediction

*Stand if comfortable

Prayer List

Little Holy Tent Celebration

Zach, Katie, and Walker Coia

Bill Taylor
Clinton DeChaume

Regular Weekly/Monthly Activities

Sunday School for all - 9:30 Sunday mornings

Coffee Plus – 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry - 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Announcements

Newsletter and Upper Rooms are available on the sign-up table.

Jan. 5 – Our church will provide lunch to Crawford ISD's faculty and staff. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway if you would like to volunteer to bring something or to help serve.

Jan. 18 – We will have our annual all-church meeting on Sunday, January 18 during worship. We encourage everyone to be here that day.

Christmas Card Exchange – The Christmas card list is available in the narthex.

Offering Totals

<u>Date</u>	<u>Financial Goal</u>	<u>Offering Report</u>
11/30	\$2,930.48	\$3,661.88
12/7	\$2,930.48	\$1,479.00
12/14	\$2,930.48	\$1,880.00
12/21	\$2,930.48	\$5,010.00
12/24	\$2,930.48	\$

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