



GATHERING

Gathering Music *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Kelsie Massey

Gathering

* Call to Worship

* Song of Faith *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* UMH 224

ENGAGING

The Brown Bag Mystery Tour *Suzy & The AUMC Young Ones*
Children and youth of all ages and stages are welcome to come to the front of the sanctuary to hang out with Rev. Rebecca as we discover the surprise awaiting us in the Brown Bag.

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures *Colossians 3:12-17 | Luke 2:41-52*

Song of Faith *Angels from the Realms of Glory* UMH 220

Message *Christians Get More Christmas* Rev. Barry Freese

THANKSGIVING

Call to Prayer *In the Bleak Midwinter* UMH 221 (v. 4)

Prayers of the People Rev. Barry Freese

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Celebrating Generosity

One of the ways we give thanks to God at Avondale UMC is by meeting God's generosity with our own. The Connection Card in the bulletin is a tool for offering to God our acts of discipleship throughout the previous week. It's also a place to share with the pastor any prayer requests. As the offering plate comes your way, we encourage you to connect with your nearest neighbors.



Musical Offering

O Come All You Unfaithful

Kelsie Massey

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

* Next Steps

These upcoming opportunities invite us to take next steps in our faith journey. Be sure to mark your calendars and invite others to join us.

* Song of Faith

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

UMH 240

* Blessing

Rev. Barry Freese

Parting Music

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Dunger Peak

Ministers: The People

Guest Speaker: Rev. Barry Freese

Worship Leader: Suzanne Conaway

Music Director: Kevin Hershberger

Guest Musician: Kelsie Massey, Piano & Vocals

Tech Team: Brent Henry & Stephanie Johnson

Candle Lighters: Our Youth



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To connect with us on Slack for general church chats and/or the Prayer Chain send a request to Brent at avondaleumctech@gmail.com

As United Methodists, we believe in open hearts, open minds, and open doors. The congregation of Avondale United Methodist Church in Kansas City, Missouri, is open to all of God's children. We welcome, include, fully affirm, and celebrate the lives of all people. People of all physical and mental ability, race, ethnicity, age, gender, gender identity, gender expressions, family structure, marital status, socio-economic class, faith history, and sexual orientation are welcome, affirmed, and loved here. We believe that all individuals are created by love in God's image. As a Reconciling Ministry Church, we strive to create a safe space and a community that enriches the life of each person. We embrace our diversity and invite all to be a vital part of our church family and ministry.

~ Adopted November 2019

