



# The Twelve Symbols of Christmas

## A CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

AVONDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | 12.21.25

### GATHERING

Gathering Music

Glory to God in the Highest

Gathering

\* Gathering the Advent Light

\* Song of Faith

Angels from the Realms of Glory

UMH 220

### ENGAGING

The Brown Bag Mystery Tour

R<sup>2</sup> & 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.*

The Story

Matthew 1:18-25 | Isaiah 41:5-10

The Story in Song

We're Not Alone

Prelude to The Pageant

The Christmas Song

Patsy Derrell

The Pageant

The Twelve Symbols of Christmas

Featuring the Avondale UMC children & Youth & Young Adult

Postscript to The Pageant

Joy to the World

UMH 246

### THANKSGIVING

Centering Our Hearts in Prayer

Call to Prayer

Show Up

Call to Confession | Prayer of Confession | Words of Forgiveness

Prayers of the People | 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

- \* Doxology
- \* Prayer of Dedication

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Some Children See Him

UMH 221 (v. 4)

## SENDING

## Next Steps

These upcoming opportunities are a chance to take next steps in our faith, growing deeper in God, and carrying this week's message into the world. Be sure to mark your calendars and invite others to join us.

- \* Song of Faith *Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine* FWS 2099
- \* Blessing

Parting Music *Emmanuel*

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Dunger Peak

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**A**s 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

