



The Altar flowers are given today in honor of Jesus' birth.

Outreach

Loose Change

These donations will go towards missions.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

DEADLINES

Items for the **Prayer List** are due by noon on Wednesday of each week. Be sure to submit no later than noon Wednesday prior to desired posting for The Weekly Messenger.

Send those requests to **Rachelle Heldt** at: [rachelle@uticaumc.org](mailto:rachelle@uticaumc.org)

Information received after the deadlines will be added the following week.



December 22, 2024



**Sunday, December 22, 2024**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**                    **“God Rest You Merry”**  
The Gosbells

**\*Advent Candle Readings and Lighting**                    **See Screen**

**\*Opening Hymn**                    **“O Come, All Ye Faithful”**  
UMC Hymnal #234 (vs. 1-4)

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord’s Prayer**                    **See Screen**

**Prayer Response**   **“Wild and Lone the Prophets Voice”**  
FWS #2089 vs. 3

**Scripture Reading**                    **Micah 5:2-5a**  
Pew Bible Page 922

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory**                    **“Bethlehem Pastoral”**  
The Gosbells

**\*Doxology**                    **UMC Hymnal 94**

**\*Hymn of Preparation**   **“O Little Town of Bethlehem”**  
UMC Hymnal #230

**Gospel Lesson:**                    **Luke 1:39-45**  
Pew Bible Page 1012

**Message**                    **“Preparing for the Unlikely”**  
Rev. Don Gotham

**Closing Hymn**                    **“Once in Royal David’s City”**  
UMC Hymnal #250

**\*Benediction**                    **\*(Stand, if able)**

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**Lead Pastor and Staff**

<b>Lead Pastor</b>	Rev. Donald Gotham	586-731-7667
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<b>Communications Director/Bookkeeper</b>	Rachelle Heldt	586-731-7667

**Assisting with Service Today**

**Liturgist**  
Cathie Parker

**Advent Candle Reading and Lighting**  
Mary and Martha Dolenga

**Ushers**  
Andrew Lawson   Jim Price   Geoff Pelton   David Clark

**Prayer Ministry Team**  
Don and Kathy Weaver

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