

Pastor Sherrye Bailey is a member and deacon of the First Congregational Church of Wayne. She is the Teaching Pastor and leads Adult Bible class and Faith That Frees women's class and assists with church services. She was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri and was married to Daryl for over 37 ½ years until his passing. Sherrye is a life-long learner and credits her mother Bobbye for exemplifying God's love and providing her with a thirst for knowledge. Her key accomplishments include 7 degrees and/or certifications including an MA Ed in Instruction from Central Michigan University. In June 2025 she received her Lay Ministry certification. Sherrye has over 44 years of professional work experience as a preschool, elementary, and college instructor. She has worked at Schoolcraft College for 25 years and is the Academic Success Coach for Writing. Sherrye enjoys reading, painting, weekly card club, and watching old movies. Her protective roommate Lenny is a small dachshund with a HUGE Napoleon complex.

*As a Congregational church, Meadowbrook traces its roots to the Pilgrims. We continue to explore our faith as a people free to interpret God's Word according to the dictates of our own conscience and in mutual support and love of one another. Not bound by any one creed or statement of faith, Congregationalists are gathered around a local church covenant in which we promise to serve alongside one another as followers of Jesus Christ.*

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## MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



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2nd Sunday in Advent

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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**PRELUDE** "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by J.S. Bach Dave Howland

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Pastor Sherrye Bailey

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.  
Congregation: **And also with you.**  
Leader: Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

**CHORAL INTROIT**  
O Lord, how shall I meet You, how welcome You aright? Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight!

\*Stand in body or spirit

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Jody Scheller

Leader: God of timeless grace,  
Congregation: **you fill us with joyful expectation.**  
Leader: Make us ready for the message that prepares the way,  
Congregation: **that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ,**  
All: **who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** "People, Look East" #83

**\*INVOCATION** (in unison) Jody Scheller

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER** (using Debts and Debtors)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING:** Joy Patti and Charlie Hokett

**ADVENT RESPONSE:** "When God Is a Child" #109 v. 2

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Isaiah 11:1-10 | Page #640 OT Jody Scheller

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** "Again We Find Our Way" by Thomas Keesecker Chancel Choir

**A TIME OF SILENCE & MORNING PRAYER** Pastor Sherrye Bailey

CHORAL AMEN

**OFFERTORY** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #89

**\*DOXOLOGY** (sing in unison) #563

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavn'ly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**SERMON SCRIPTURE READING:** Luke 1: 26-35 | Page #56 NT Pastor Sherrye Bailey

CHORAL RESPONSE  
O fill us with your word, O Lord that we may know your grace and love. O fill us with your word that we may grow in understanding.

**MESSAGE** "Joyful Expectations" Pastor Sherrye Bailey

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN** "What Child Is This, Who, Laid to Rest" #138

**\*BENEDICTION** Pastor Sherrye Bailey

**POSTLUDE** "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God" by Benedetto Marcello Dave Howland

**MUSICIANS:** Dave Howland, Danny Reeves and Chancel Choir  
**TECHNICIAN:** Moe Elmasry | **GREETER:** Dave McKillop | **LITURGIST:** Jody Scheller

We are grateful to Pastor Sherrye Bailey for filling the pulpit this morning. Please read more about Pastor Sherrye on the back of the bulletin. All are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall following worship this morning for a time of refreshment and fellowship.