

UPTOWN CHURCH

AT STATION WEST

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 7, 2025

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Carroll

ADVENT READING

Matt McMillan & Andrew Ray

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jordan Olshefski
Senior Pastor

SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS COME

Calvin Seerveld | Martin Luther | Seth Calvisius | St. Ambrose of Milan

Savior of the nations, come, Show Yourself, the virgin's son
Marvel heaven, wonder earth, That our God chose such a birth

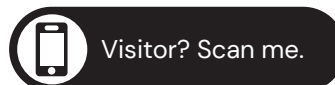
Not by human power or seed, Did the woman's womb conceive
Only by the Spirit's breath, Was the Word of God made flesh

Mary then was found with child, Still a virgin, chaste and mild
God had favored her with grace, To receive the Prince of Peace

Christ laid down His majesty, Passed through dark Gethsemane
Though He left His Father's home, Christ now sits on God's own throne

Christ in glory intercede, For Your creatures' suffering need
Let Your resurrecting power, Soon complete the victory hour

Praise to You, O Lord, we sing; Praise to Christ, our newborn King!
With the Father, Spirit, one, Let Your lasting kingdom come



CONFESSION OF SIN

EXTENDING PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

COME THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

Rowland Hugh Prichard | Charles Wesley

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of every longing heart

Joy to those who long to see Thee, Dayspring from on high appear
Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse, Of Thy birth, we long to hear
O'er the hills the angels singing, News, glad tidings of a birth
"Go to Him, your praises bringing, Christ the Lord has come to earth"

Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end
By His life He brings us gladness, Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend
Leaving riches without number, Born within a cattle stall
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all

Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child, and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit, Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all-sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne

*Children, K through 2, are dismissed at this time to find their teacher in the front of this room.
If you have not checked in your child, go to the check-in station at the back with them to do so.*

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 1:1-3A; GENESIS 38:11-19, 24-30

¹ The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

² Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³ and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar,

¹¹ Then Judah said to Tamar his daughter-in-law, “Remain a widow in your father’s house, till Shelah my son grows up”—for he feared that he would die, like his brothers. So Tamar went and remained in her father’s house.

¹² In the course of time the wife of Judah, Shua’s daughter, died. When Judah was comforted, he went up to Timnah to his sheepshearers, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. ¹³ And when Tamar was told, “Your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep,” ¹⁴ she took off her widow’s garments and covered herself with a veil, wrapping herself up, and sat at the entrance to Enaim, which is on the road to Timnah. For she saw that Shelah was grown up, and she had not been given to him in marriage. ¹⁵ When Judah saw her, he thought she was a prostitute, for she had covered her face. ¹⁶ He turned to her at the roadside and said, “Come, let me come in to you,” for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. She said, “What will you give me, that you may come in to me?” ¹⁷ He answered, “I will send you a young goat from the flock.” And she said, “If you give me a pledge, until you send it—” ¹⁸ He said, “What pledge shall I give you?” She replied, “Your signet and your cord and your staff that is in your hand.” So he gave them to her and went in to her, and she conceived by him. ¹⁹ Then she arose and went away, and taking off her veil she put on the garments of her widowhood.

²⁴ About three months later Judah was told, “Tamar your daughter-in-law has been immoral. Moreover, she is pregnant by immorality.” And Judah said, “Bring her out, and let her be burned.” ²⁵ As she was being brought out, she sent word to her father-in-law, “By the man to whom these belong, I am pregnant.” And she said, “Please identify whose these are, the signet and the cord and the staff.” ²⁶ Then Judah identified them and said, “She is more righteous than I, since I did not give her to my son Shelah.” And he did not know her again.

²⁷ When the time of her labor came, there were twins in her womb. ²⁸ And when she was in labor, one put out a hand, and the midwife took and tied a scarlet thread on his hand, saying, “This one came out first.” ²⁹ But as he drew back his hand, behold, his brother came out. And she said, “What a breach you have made for yourself!” Therefore his name was called Perez. ³⁰ Afterward his brother came out with the scarlet thread on his hand, and his name was called Zerah.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

“TAMAR: GRACE TO THE REJECTED”

Matt. 1:1-3a; Gen. 38:11-19, 24-30

I. The Scandal

II. The Significance

III. The Savior

THE OFFERING



Giving? Scan me.



SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Jordan Olshefski
Senior Pastor

CONFESSION OF FAITH CORPORATE CONFESSION

Apostles' Creed

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the 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;
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on 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.

**In this context, "catholic" means "universal": the church in all places at all times.*

SONG FOR THE SUPPER

BEHOLD HIM

Mitch Wong | Paul Baloche

He who was before there was light, Walked across the pages of time
He who made every living thing, Behold Him
He who heard humanity's cry, Left His throne to wake as a child
He became like the least of us, Behold Him

chorus

Jesus, Son of God, Messiah

The Lamb, the roaring Lion

Oh be still and behold Him

He who dined with sinners and saints, Healed the blind, the lost and the lame
Even now He is in our midst, Behold Him
He who chose a criminal's end, Paid with blood to settle our debt
Buried death as He rose to life, Behold Him

chorus

Holy holy holy, is the Lord God Almighty
Worthy worthy worthy, to receive all praise

chorus

SONG OF RESPONSE

THOU WHO WAST RICH (FRAGRANCE)

Frank Houghton

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour, All for love's sake becamest poor
Thrones for a manger didst surrender, Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour, All for love's sake becamest poor

Thou who art God beyond all praising, All for love's sake becamest man
Stooping so low, but sinners raising, Heavenwards by Thine eternal plan
Thou who art God beyond all praising, All for love's sake becamest man

Thou who art love beyond all telling, Saviour and King, we worship Thee
Emmanuel, within us dwelling, Make us what Thou wouldst have us be
Thou who art love beyond all telling, Saviour and King, we worship Thee

BENEDICTION

Jordan Olshefski

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MUSICIANS

Worship Leader - Jeremy Goodwyne | **Front Vocalists** - Eleanor Berry | **Drums** - Jeremy Carroll |
Bass Guitar - Paul Winter | **Piano** - Nate Pratt | **Keys** - Tim Shorey

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