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### Focus for Next Week

January 4, 2025

*The Second Sunday of Christmas*

***Choose Rightly or Be Left***

Isaiah 60:1-6      Matthew 25:31-46

### ***Public WIFI Log-in***

***PFUMC-Guest      Password: ConnectMe!***

Let us know you are worshipping with us,  
whether you are in the Sanctuary or live on YouTube.

Please fill out a connect card in your bulletin  
or use the comment section

to make your prayer request known to the pastor.

He will include your thanks to God

and your prayer concerns in our pastoral prayer.

If you would like to add your prayers to the weekly prayer chain,  
contact Karen Lynch at 717-571-5903 or karen\_lynch@me.com.

9:00 AM Non-Traditional Service

10:30 AM Traditional Service

All services are both in person and live-streamed on our website and YouTube.

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PALMYRA FIRST UMC

# O GOD, WHERE ARE YOU?

## December 28th, 2025

## **O God, Where Are You?**

### First Sunday of Christmas

### ***10:30 AM Service***

*Serving Christ, Changing Lives!*

\*Congregation standing, as able

## **O God, Where Are You?**

Prelude

\*Call to Worship                      Ramirez p. 32 (Lectionary Worship Aids) alt.

Leader: God enters history and becomes a fugitive,

**People: The Word becomes flesh and a refuge.**

Leader: The Light shines in the darkness.

**People: But the forces of darkness**

**lash out against the innocent.**

Leader: Now we wait for your vision,  
in our waking and in our dreaming.

**People: Lord of life and light, speak to us today.**

\*Opening Hymn                      #234                      "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Opening Prayer                      Kirkland p. 37 (Lectionary Worship Aids)

**Lord,**

**we thank you for the Holy Family**

**that cared for the infant Jesus**

**in those turbulent days surrounding his birth,**

**and who nurtured him into manhood**

**so he might fulfill your destiny for him.**

**May this time of worship be a time for us**

**to strengthen our commitment to family life,**

**so we might do our part to show your love**

**and concern for every member of our families.**

**Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer    "using the word sins instead of trespasses"

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 63:7-9

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:13-23

Sermon

"O God, Where Are You?"

\*Hymn of Response

#245

"The First Noel"

Prayer of Confession

Kirkland p. 37 (Lectionary Worship Aids)

**Lord,**

**forgive us when we expect life**

**to be all smooth sailing,**

**without rough seas to battle or storms to threaten.**

**Remind us again of the difficulties**

**Mary and Joseph confronted**

**as they cared for the infant Jesus.**

**Strengthen us for the living of these days**

**with the assurance that Christ walks with us**

**no matter what the future holds.**

**Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon

Offering

\*Offertory Response

#95

"Praise God For Whom...."

\*Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer

\*Closing Hymn

#240

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response    #251 (refrain only)    "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Postlude