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<b>Gathering</b>	<i>Raise a Hallelujah</i> <i>Even So, Come</i>	Praise Band
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>Threshold Moment</b>		
<b>*Lighting of the Advent Wreath</b>		<u>The Stoner Family</u>
<b>*Advent Prayer</b>		
Leader: Let us pray.		
<b>People: Here, at the nativity of Your birth,</b>		
<b>give us the courage to face this moment</b>		
<b>with an uncanny joy.</b>		
<b>Open us to new understandings of</b>		
<b>the unfolding story of Your presence among us.</b>		
<b>Show us how to praise You,</b>		
<b>even when our song is sung in a minor key.</b>		
<b>We pray in the name of the Child,</b>		
<b>the One Who Uplifts our hearts and lives. AMEN.</b>		
<b>Children's Moment</b>		Linda Biscardo
<b>Reception of New Member</b>	Laura Desta	<u>(see screen)</u>
<b>Prayer Song</b>	<i>Come Emmanuel</i>	<u>(see screen)</u>
<b>Prayers of People</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**The Lord's Prayer**

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 trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power and the glory. Forever. AMEN.

<b>Offering Song</b>	<u>Hymn of Joy</u>	Praise Band
<b>Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	Luke 1: 26-56	Pat Hobbs
<b>Message</b>	<i>Son of Mary</i>	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**Breakthrough Prayer**

*God, guide Franconia United Methodist Church to become a community of Christ's love, where Your grace abounds and all people know that they are loved, respected for their diversity, grow in faith, and reflect Jesus by actively sharing their God-given gifts. AMEN.*

<b>*Closing <u>Song</u></b>	<i>He Has Come <u>For Us</u></i>	Praise Band
<b>*Benediction</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>He Has Come <u>For Us (Reprise)</u></i>	Praise Band



*Franconia United Methodist Church believes that everyone is a child of God.  
We welcome all people to worship, join in membership, serve in lay leadership,  
and actively participate in the life of the church.*

*We welcome and affirm all persons without regard to gender, gender identity, race,  
sexual orientation, faith tradition, age, marital status, family structure,  
economic background, political affiliation, physical or mental ability or life experience.  
We commit to extend Christ's hospitality, creating a place of safety and sanctuary for all people.  
We recognize there are differences among us and although we may not think or look alike,  
we commit to respect and love one another as we are all the family of God.  
We further commit ourselves to loving acts of invitation, hospitality, and community,  
providing ministry to, for, and with all persons without exception,  
fostering a sense of belonging where people are respected and valued as beloved children of God.*

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