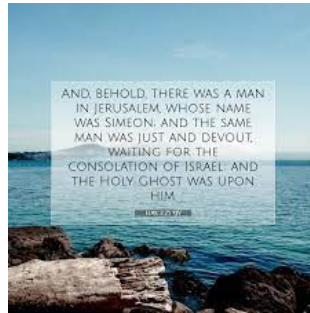




[Link to zoom worship at 9:00 on Sunday](#)

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## December 31, 2023 + First Sunday after Christmas Day

### Welcome

**Prelude:** Hovey Corbin

### Greeting

Christ is born; give him glory!

**Christ has come down from heaven; receive him!**

**Christ is now on earth; exalt him!**

O you earth, sing to the Lord!

**O you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified!**

### Come As A Child

### Affirmation of Faith *(responsive)* UMH 889

*Leader:*

There is one God  
and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus,  
who came as a ransom for all,  
to whom we testify.

*People:*

**This saying is sure  
and worthy of full acceptance:  
That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners,  
and was manifested in the flesh,  
vindicated in the spirit,  
seen by angels,  
proclaimed among the nations,  
believed in throughout the world,  
taken up in glory.  
Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.**

### **Song of Faith**

**Scripture:** Luke 2:22-28a, 36-40

### **Message: Godparents**

Rev. Blaine Wimberly

### **Song of Faith**

### **Generosity Moment**

### **Offertory Prayer**

Joy to the world, the Lord has come! We celebrate with profound joy the birth of your Son and our Savior, Jesus the Christ. We gratefully offer these gifts, knowing that you have already given us the greatest gift that we will ever receive. We pray in the name of the One who is that gift: the Baby born in a manger! Amen.

### **Musical Response**

### **Announcements**

### **Joys and Concerns**

### **Prayer Song**

### **Prayers of the People**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **Lord's Prayer**

### **Song of Faith**

### **Benediction:**

### **Fellowship Time**

## **Mountainside United Methodist Church**

**Mission:** To make disciples of Jesus Christ

for the transformation of our community and the world.

**Vision:** To be a thriving Christ-led people in the East Mountains, inviting all generations to a transforming experience of God's Grace.

WORSHIP + CONNECT + GROW + SERVE

## Announcements and Calendar

*We are glad you are online with us today!  
Please register your attendance and your joys and concerns in the chat box.*

### Church Events

#### TODAY

Noon Years Eve party in the gym following the 10:30 service  
Watch Night service of Covenant Renewal on zoom only at 11:00 pm

#### Monday, January 1

3:00 Teatime online

#### Tuesday, January 2

9:00 Holy Yoga in the sanctuary with Connie  
6:00 SPRC meeting on zoom

#### Wednesday, January 3

1:30 Line Dancing in the gym with Linda

#### Thursday, January 4

3:00 Teatime Online

#### Sunday, January 7 - Epiphany Sunday

9:00 Sunday Morning Live  
9:00 The Breakfast Club adult Sunday School  
10:30 Worship in the Sanctuary  
11:45 Choir practice in the Round Room

### Community Events

#### Acton Academy

classes resume upstairs Tuesday January 2

#### Twelve Step Groups

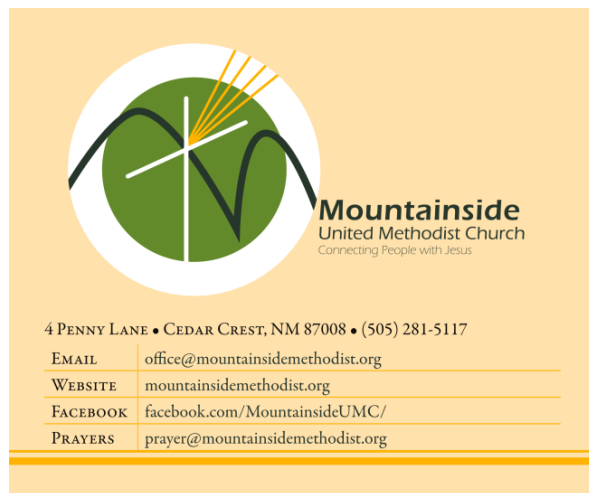
AA meets in the Fellowship Hall M, W, F noon; and T, Th 4:30 pm;  
men's group on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm  
Al-Anon meets in the Fellowship Hall Friday 10:00 am

#### Fitness

Dance Aerobics in the gym Wednesday 9:00 am  
Dance Fitness in the gym Friday 9:00 am

**Upward**

Evaluation, Registration, and Training ongoing  
practice sessions have Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays  
games begin in January!



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