

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP • 9 & 11 AM



WAITING *for the* Light

ADVENT 2025

DECEMBER 14 • CHRISTMAS MUSIC SUNDAY

A Joyful Noise

Luke 1:39-56



A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Christopher A. Henry
Senior Pastor

Rev. Madison M. VanVeelen (9 AM)
Associate Pastor of Care

Rev. Thomas P. Markey (11 AM)
Associate Pastor of Youth and Families

Rev. Karen L. Lang
Executive Pastor

Jerry Hallett (9 AM)
Audrey Leisinger (11 AM)
Liturgist

Festival Orchestra

Sanctuary Choir

Dr. Michelle Louer
Director of Music and Fine Arts

Dr. John Allegar
*Organist and Assistant Director
of Music and Fine Arts*

PROCESSION

Acolytes and Advent Candles
Ellie Stewart and Audrey Lindsay (9 AM)
Elsie and Maggy Lewis (11 AM)

Element and Ewer Bearers
Charles and Lisa Liles (9 AM)
The Klaus Family (11 AM)

FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA

Flute
Tammy Thweatt
Laura Recendez

Oboe
Tanavi Prabhu
Crystal Barrett

Clarinet
Christina Martin
Greg Imboden

Bassoon
Kara Stolle
Evan Duffey

Horn
Rick Graef
Peggy Moran

Trumpet
Daniel Lewis
Will Rabun
Dan Golando

Trombone
Ryan Miller
Blake Schlabach
Jared Rodin

Percussion
Art Reiner
Murray Mast

Violin
Kevin Lin (CM)
Sherry Hong
Jennifer Farquhar
Diana Joiner
Ava Shedd
Marisa Votapek
Hua Jin
Debbie Rodin
Noelle Gosling

Viola
Terry Langdon
Emilee Drumm
Andrew Stump

Cello
Marjie Hanna
Anna Danilova
Sam Viguerie

Bass
Ju-Fang Liu
Bert Witzel

Timpani
Steve Hanna

Blake Schlabach, Contractor
(Musicians Hired)

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The music from Jonathan Willcock's *Magnificat* was gifted to the Sanctuary
Choir by friends and family in memory of Jenny Gaha and Debbie Beigh.

WELCOME FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Following today's *Word with Children*, children ages 4 through grade 5 may remain with their families or depart for *Sunday Mornings for Children*. If departing, please assure your child is wearing a nametag. Pick up after the 9 AM service will be in Room 307. Pick up after the 11 AM service will be in Room 309 (Prek-1st), Room 304 (2-5th grade), and Room 355 (Carol Choir). Childcare is available on the second floor for infants through age 3.

VISUAL AND HEARING ASSISTANCE

Please speak to an usher if you need a large print bulletin, large print hymnal, or an assistive listening device.

December 14, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We Come Together as God's People

Prelude

Fugue à la Gigue (Fugue in G, BWV 577)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
arr. Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

In the Bleak Midwinter

Gustav Holst
arr. Charles E. Peery

Festival Orchestra; Dr. Michelle Louer, conductor

Welcome

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

* Opening Sentences

Rev. Madison M. VanVeelen (9 AM)
Rev. Thomas P. Markey (11 AM)

One: God comes! So don't let go of all the reasons to rejoice.

All: **We will sing a song of Advent
to the One who fills our lives with joy.**

One: God comes! So don't stop lifting your prayers with thanksgiving.

All: **We will sing a song of Advent
to the One who hears our words and silence.**

One: God comes! So don't stop giving your hearts to God.

All: **We will sing a song of Advent
to the One who graces us with a peace we cannot begin to understand.**

One: Let us gather in the presence of God and in the joy of community.

* Prayer of Adoration

(Solo) 1. Once in royal - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a low - ly.
 (Choir) 2. He came down to earth from heav - en Who is God - and.
 (All) 3. Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by day like.
 4. And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own re -
 5. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, With the ox - en.

cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her ba - by.
 Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a sta - ble, us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak and help - less, deem - ing love, For that Child so dear and gen - tle stand - ing round, We shall see Him; but in heav - en.

In a man - ger for His bed. Ma - ry was that moth - er.
 And His cra - dle was a stall. With the poor, op - pressed, and.
 Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He feels for all our.
 Is our Lord in heaven a - bove; And He leads His chil - dren.
 where His saints His throne sur - round: Christ re - vealed to faith - ful.

mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 low - ly, Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 sad - ness, And He shares in all our glad - ness.
 on To the place where He is gone.
 eye, Set at God's right hand on high.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Ellie Stewart and Audrey Lindsay (9 AM)
 Elsie and Maggy Lewis (11 AM)

One: We light this candle as a symbol of the joy to be found in your kingdom on earth.
 For the Lord lifts up the lowly, releases the captive, and proclaims joy for all of creation.
 We rejoice in God's justice and mercy, faithful to all generations.
 We await the birth of the Christ Child, the coming of God into our lives in a new way.

All: **We wait filled with hope, knowing your light will shine in the darkness.**
We wait anticipating your peace, believing that one day it will fill our world.

One: We wait with joyful eagerness, standing on tiptoe to sense your presence.

All: **Lord, we wait. Come soon and fill us with your life. Amen.**

Christ, be our Light!

Bernadette Farrell



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered to-day.

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy and loving God,
we have dwelt in darkness and preferred it to the light;
we have been proud of our accomplishments
and despaired over our shortcomings.
Smooth down the mountains of our pride,
and lift up the valleys of our doubts.
Open a path in the wilderness of our lives
that we might find our way to you again.
Refine us and prepare us once again for life in your kingdom.
Hear our prayer, O Lord. (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

Et misericordia (And His Mercy)

Jonathan Willcocks

(b. 1953)

*Et misericordia eius a progenie
in progenies timentibus eum.*

And his mercy is on them that fear him
throughout all generations.

* **Response of Praise Hymn #23** *Angels We Have Heard on High*

French Carol

* **Passing the Peace of Christ**

* **Hymn #30**

Born in the Night, Mary's Child

Geoffrey Ainger

We Experience God's Word

The Word with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Jerry Hallett (9 AM)
Audrey Leisinger (11 AM)

First Scripture Lesson

Luke 1:26-35

(p. 931)

Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 1:39-56

(p. 932)

Magnificat

Jonathan Willcocks

*Magnificat anima mea Dominum,
et exultavit spiritus meus in Deo salutari meo;
quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae,
ecce enim ex hoc beatam
me dicent omnes generationes
Quia fecit mihi magna,
qui potens est et sanctum nomen eius.*

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty
hath magnified me and holy is his name.

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

Sermon

A Joyful Noise

*"And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord..."
(Luke 1:46)*

Moment of Silent Meditation

We Give Thanks to God

Invitation to Discipleship and Generosity

Rev. Karen L. Lang

Offertory

There Is No Rose of Such Virtue

Jonathan Willcocks

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu;
For in this rose contained was Heaven and earth in little space.
By that rose we may well see that he is God in persons three.
The angels sungen the shepherds to: Gloria in excelsis deo:
Magnificat anima mea Dominum. [My soul doth magnify the Lord.]

Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving

We Go Forth to Serve

*** Closing Hymn #31**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

*** Charge and Benediction**

*** Choral Benediction**

A Christmas Blessing

Philip Stopford
(b. 1977)

May the joy of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
the worship of the wisemen,
and the peace of the Christ child
be yours this Christmas.

May Christ, who by his incarnation
gathered into one all things earthly,
all things heavenly, fill you with joy,
fill you with joy and peace.

And the blessing of God the Father
and the Son and the Holy Spirit
be with you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Text: Church of Ireland Book of Common Prayer; adapted by the composer

Postlude

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen
Dr. John Allegar, organ

Alfred Fedak
(b. 1953)

Memorial Poinsettias

A

Carolyn Allin, in memory of Ronald T. Allin & Kelly A. Tohill

B

Colleen Bailie, in memory of David Bailie

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The Baker Family, in memory of Rick & Carol Baker

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Brian & Katie Barker, in memory of Betsy Wilson

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The Barrett Family, in memory of Denny Barrett; Emily & Katie Barrett

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Denby Ann Kittle & Donita Lynn Bayer, in memory of William Denby Bayer & Emogene Madden Bayer

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David Moore & Kris Beckwith, in memory of Harry W. Moore

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Denise & John Bell, in memory of Dixie Rudy

• • •

Mary & Bob Bennett, in memory of Cy Mallard & Elizabeth Duffey

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Jennifer Bergman, in memory of Donna Colwell, Betty Colwell, & Alice Wulff

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Dixie Bibb, in memory of William & Joyce Bibb

• • •

Hank & Nancy Blackwell, in memory of Mr. & Mrs. C. G. Blackwell & Dr. & Mrs. J. W. Neckers

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Joshua & Deliverance Bougie, in memory of Richard & Joan Kniffel

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Nancy Bowden; Elizabeth, Matt, Kate, & Ruby Rogers, in memory of Gerald Bowden & Christopher Bowden

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Gregg Butler, in memory of Lousie Butler

C

The Calabro Family, in memory of Paul Calabro

• • •

David Champa, in memory of Anthony & Evelyn Champa

• • •

Byron Chaplin & Edwin Chaplin, in memory of our parents, grandparents, & other loved ones

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Randy & Kathy, in memory of Harry & Helen Schroeder

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The Cochran Family, in memory of George Cochran

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Kevin Condon, in memory of my mother, Margaret Phillips Condon; father, Kevin Condon; aunt, Eleanor Phillips; uncle, Harold Whittier

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J. Christopher Craig, in memory of Mrs. Ruth A. Craig

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Mary Lou Crawford, in memory of Bill Crawford

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Dave & Christie Crockett, in memory of our parents

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Susie Cumming, in memory of Jim Cumming, from his loving family

ADVENT MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

D

Betty Dean, in memory of my parents, Rollin & Helen Dean

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Carolyn Dederer, in memory of Dr. & Mrs. Carl Riedesel

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Jim & DiAnn Donahue, in memory of Bob & Faye Fields; Jim & Colleen Donahue; Lois Gumpfer;
John Gumpfer; Mary & Katherine Holahan

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Betsy Dykstra, in memory of my husband Craig Dykstra & many family members

E

The Family of Robert Elzer, in memory of Robert Elzer

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Joy Elzer, in memory of Bob Elzer

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Bill & Edie Enright, in memory of Linda Thebeau

F

Debbie & Bob Falk, in memory of Morgan & Natalie Mitchell; William Falk

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Patricia Fansler, in memory of Michael Fansler

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Teresa Ferguson, in memory of Raymond Barry Ferguson, husband; Amy W. Brannen, sister

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Scott & Pam Fischer, in memory of Scott's sister Arlene Clayton

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Tom & Cathy Fisher, in memory of Barbara Fisher; Dan & Trudy Kudrak

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Nancy & Charlie Frick, in memory of Clara L. Milligan; Dale Milligan; Nancy Chickering; Robert Frick

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Ellen Fujawa, in memory of husband, Patrick Fujawa; parents, Ed & Lucille Kuszmaul; niece, Michelle Lake

G

Mother, Nancy; Sisters, Elizabeth Place & Emily Gilliland, in memory of Charles E. Gilliland II

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Bob & Melody Grand, in memory of George & Faye Koloch; Robert A. Grand; Beverly Feagans; our grandparents

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Mike, Erika, Michael, Max, Sophia & Anna Grueninger, in memory of Othmar & Libby Grueninger; Carole Greenawald

H

Rik & Becky Hagarty, in memory of our parents & older sisters

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The Haigh Family, in memory of our parents, Joan & George Haigh; Jim MacLean; Bob Webber

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Jerry & Kathy Hallett, in memory of Stephen Dickey

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The Hammerling family in memory of John & Jane Hammerling & Jim Hammerling; James & Ethel Propst

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John, Victoria, Alice, & Lillian Hammond, in memory of Mary Alice Ward, Mary Boone Dalton, Lynn Hammond Bowles, Carol Hovey, Patricia Hamilton, Macon Dalton, John Hammond, & Lloyd Hamilton

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Jeff & Martha Hampel, in memory of Robert Hampel, James McFadden, & Jackson Ellis

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Steven & Terri Harris Family, in memory of Barbara Ellen Lucas

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Ron & Shelley Hellmich, in memory of Michael Beattey

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Skip & Mary Sue Higgins, in memory of our parents & loved ones

ADVENT MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

H

Jenny & Glenn Hoffman, in memory of Andrew, Tony, Bryan, Carrie, Dottie, Scottie, Tony, Patrick, Jacob, Justice, Anna, Noah, Damien, & Natalie

I

The Illingworth Family, John & Sarah, Charlie, Anne, Jack, & Peter, in memory of beloved great, grand, and motherly love:
Patty Brown, Catherine Baker, & Claire Baker

J

Lisa, Daland, Eric & Laura Juberg, in memory of Frank P. Strong (Dad/Grampie)

K

Gala Kennedy, in memory of George C. Kennedy, Jr

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Jen Knebel, in memory of Parke Miller Johnson

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The Koinonia Sunday School Class, in memory of Corinne Hollins

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Link Krimendahl & Liz Krimendahl, in memory of Mary Krimendahl; Dave Krimendahl

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Dick & Katie Kruse, in memory of Bill, Kakie, & John Mothershead; Vernon, Miriam, & Steve Kruse

L

Holly and Cindy Lambert, in memory of Bertha Balke 1862-1939 (Frank) & grandchildren Maude Fenstermaker (Ward), Virginia Wohlgemuth (Edward), Mildred Wingenroth (Edward), & great grandchildren Ginny, Teddy Wohlgemuth, Julie Fenstermaker

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Dr. Michelle Louer & Second Presbyterian Church Sanctuary Choir, in memory of Jenny Gaha, Jon Atkins, Debbie Beigh, & Margaret Herder

M

Maiers Family, in memory of Nancy Maiers

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Rebecca L. Malick, in memory of André Watts; George T. Bradner, Jr.

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Liane Martin, in memory of parents, Rev. Raymond & Lucy Bowden; husband, William Martin II

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The Martin Curdes Family, in memory of Richard & Suzanne Curdes; Jack & Sally Wilhelm; & all other family members who have gone home before us

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Steve & Diane Matthews, in memory of daughter Abby & our parents

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Susie Maxwell, in memory of Howard Maxwell

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Doris McCave, in memory of Lisa McCave

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Beth McKee, in memory of Nancy & Dale McKee

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Nancy McMillan, in memory of my parents, George & Rosemary Hamilton

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Don & Terri Means, in memory of our parents; our sisters, & their husbands

N

Leslie Nelson, in memory of Roger Nelson

O

The Otteson Family, in memory of Marie Otteson

P

John & Becky Peterson & family, in memory of Bryce & Ruth Peterson & Jack & Connie Scheid

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Janet & Bill Pfadt, in memory of our parents & brothers

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Scott & Elizabeth Place, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. M. Robert Kerr; Charles E. Gilliland

ADVENT MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

P

Kathy Porter, in memory of Kent Porter

R

The John & Leslie Rapp Family, in memory of George & Peggy Rapp; John & Ronni Templeton

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Nancy & Fred Raub family, in memory of Abby Raub; Richard & Carolyn Bourke; John & Maggie Raub

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Mo Merhoff & Paul Reis, in memory of John & Wanda Merhoff; Carl & Peg Reis

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Agnew, Nelson, & Rice Family, in memory of Carol & Jim Rice

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Pete Ritz, in memory of Verlyn Wilson

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Amy & Clay Robbins, in memory of Craig Dykstra

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Gunta Roth & Adam Roth, in memory of Wade Roth

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Sharon Rutan, in memory of Bob Rutan, husband; Bob & Marge Tarplee, parents

S

Martha & Bill Sando, in memory of Elbert & Rose Cooper; Mrs. Sue Musto; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Patrick Riley; & Dr. Don & Marjorie Sando

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Elizabeth & Scott Sandstrom; Katherine & Cameron Evans, in memory of Nathan & Mary Coons

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Tim & Amy Scher, in memory of our fathers, Jim Van Duyn & Bob Scher

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Yolanda Schmidt, in memory of Ken Schmidt, from his loving family

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Mary Schwendener, in memory of Ann & John Schwendener; Des Holt & Theresa Holt

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Pat Van Selow, in memory of Laura Van Selow

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Susan Shambaugh, in memory of Paul & Eunice Shambaugh

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Michael Shirk, in memory of Carol Shirk

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The Shirk Family, in memory of Carol Finley Shirk

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Dick & Sue Simon, Susie Kelton, Nancy Helm, in memory of Jeffrey Simon, beloved brother

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Regina Simpson & daughter Demi, in memory of son & brother Dez Williams

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Barbara Smith, in memory of my husband & son, Kent Sr. & Jr.

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Dr. David & Sandy Sommers, in memory of our parents & grandparents Don & Jean Long

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Dr. David & Sandy Sommers, in memory of our parents & grandparents Don & Geneva Sommers

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Shelley Spencer-Hellmich, in memory of Linda Beattey

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Mr. & Mrs. John Stewart, in memory of our parents

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Drew & Susan Strobel, in memory of John R. Stallings, Jr.

T

Adrienne, Zach, & Alex Takacs, in memory of Ted Takacs

ADVENT MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

T

Teter Family, in memory of Jon Wood

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Thomas Family, in memory of Pete Thomas

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Sarah & Brent Thompson, in memory of Adlon & Dick Jorgensen & Lelah Thompson

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Dr. John & Ruth Thompson Twenty, in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth G. Thompson; Mr. & Mrs. John Wm. Twenty;
Ann Thompson Cornell; Anne Koster

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Cathy Schuster Tilford, Courtney Tilford Uyar, & our families, in memory of Dwight and Anne Schuster (parents & grandparents), Carol Schuster Strom (sister & aunt), Jim Tilford (ex-husband & father) & other departed relatives

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Linda Timmons, in memory of Isaac Timmons

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Bernie & Lisa Tuggle, in memory of Deborah Daro Tuggle

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Bob & Brenda Twining, in memory of Eugene C. & Kathryn A. Eads; Michael E. Eads M.D.; Debra K. Eads; M. Ruth Twining;
E. Robert & Marilyn J. Twining; Lin C. Twining Ph.D.

W

John, Lisa, & Terry Wallace, in memory of John M. Wallace

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Mitchell Ward, in memory of parents, Mary & Macon Dalton

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Katie & Wade West & their family; Keely & Will West; & Graham West, in memory of Betsy H. Graham

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Jack Whitaker, in memory of Andy & Audrey Pelham

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Donna Reynolds & Dave Whitman, in memory of our parents

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Sharon Wilson, in memory of Gene & Evelyn Wilson

Y

Diana & Dan Yates, in memory of Norma & Howard Hoffman; Esther & Dr. John Yates; Marti Hoffman; Genesis Kohler;
E. Diane Thornberry; J. David Yates

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Marc, Janet, and Junia Yoder, in memory of J. William Devadoss; Jeyaraj Devadoss; Salina Yoder

Gregg Butler, in honor of Victor Cardarelli

The Calabro Family, in honor of Mary Ellen Bledsoe

The Martin Curdes Family, in honor of all the volunteers who help with the Northside Food Pantry & the Northside Garden!

Betsy Dykstra, in honor of the staff of Second Presbyterian Church

Molly & Sean Fisher, in honor of beloved family

Marcy Haboush, in honor of my parents Jim & Donna Sweet, & the staff of Second Presbyterian Church

Jerry & Kathy Hallett, in honor of Marion G. Harcourt

John, Victoria, Alice, & Lillian Hammond, in honor of Pat Hovey

Sean & Christine Meenan, in honor of our parents & our children

John & Becky Peterson & family, in honor of Lisa Peterson

Mary Schwendener, in honor of the CNN Deacons, with deep thanks for the work they did this year

Catherine Johnson & Bryan Scott, in honor of Noah Linden Scott

Sharri Wagner, in honor of Northside Food Pantry stocking crew

THE POWER OF PRAYER

We remember in prayer these members who have died, and their loved ones. The white rose in front of the lectern is in memory of:

Dottie White

How might we pray for you this week? Please visit SecondChurch.org/Prayer to fill out a Prayer Request Form. Together, we lift up our joys with thanksgiving and invite Christ's tender care, guidance, and healing in our lives and in God's world.

If you or a loved one is hospitalized,
please contact:

Ashley McNamara, Coordinator of Pastoral Care
AMcNamara@SecondChurch.org

GIVING

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Let's keep the light burning brightly!

We're making progress toward our 2026 Commitment Campaign goal—thank you to all who have already pledged! Everyone's help is appreciated and makes a difference. To make your 2026 commitment visit Secondchurch.org/Commitment

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Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, December 24

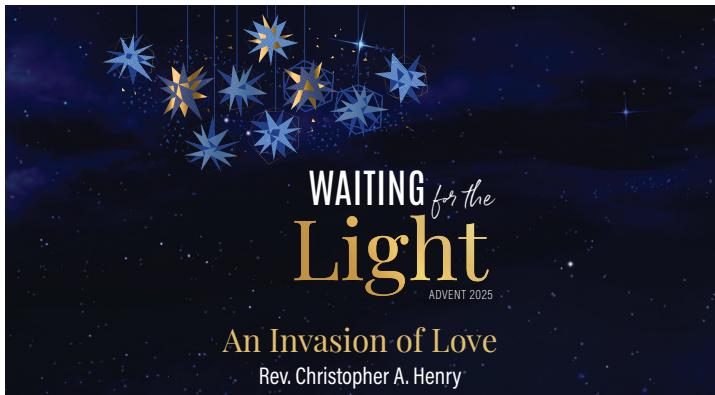
4 PM • Child-Led Service of Lessons & Carols

7 & 9 PM • Service of Lessons and Carols

11 PM • Service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion



NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21



An Invasion of Love

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

8:15 AM • Chapel Worship

9 AM • Sunday School for All Ages

10 AM • Sanctuary Worship

11:15 AM • Service of Wholeness and Communion • Milner Chapel

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Men's Monthly Fellowship

December 16 • 6 – 8 PM • The Roost in Nora

Advent Service of Lament and Hope

December 17 • 7:30 PM • Chapel

Young Adults & The Belonging Christmas Dinner & Party

December 18 • 7 – 8 PM • Community Room

Second Act Holiday Brunch

December 21 • 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Woodland Country Club in Carmel, IN

Emerging Adults Advent Worship & Christmas Party

December 22 • 6:30 – 8:30 PM • Milner Chapel & Room 112

ADVENT SERVICE OF

Lament & Hope

DECEMBER 17 • 7:30 – 8:30 PM • MILNER CHAPEL

