

Order of Worship
December 7, 2025
Second Sunday in Advent



PRELUDE

SPECIAL MUSIC – "Who Will Speak" – *Marty Haugen* OSLC Choir

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, (+) one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

Amen.

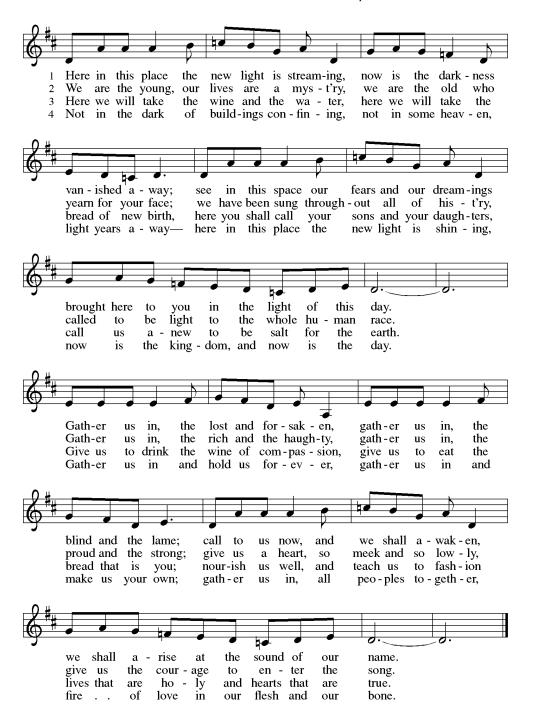
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Long-expected Messiah,

we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.

God judges us not as we deserve, but according to Christ's righteousness. (+) You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace. **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN - Gather Us In - ELW 532 v. 1, 4

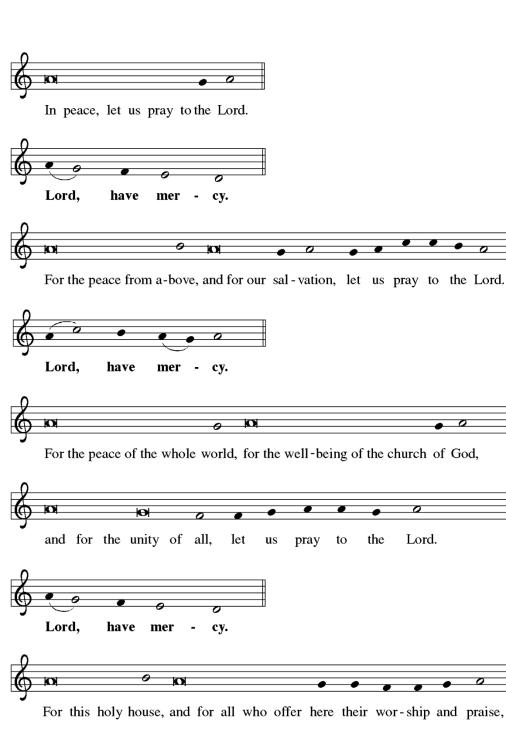


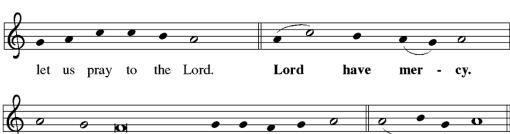
GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

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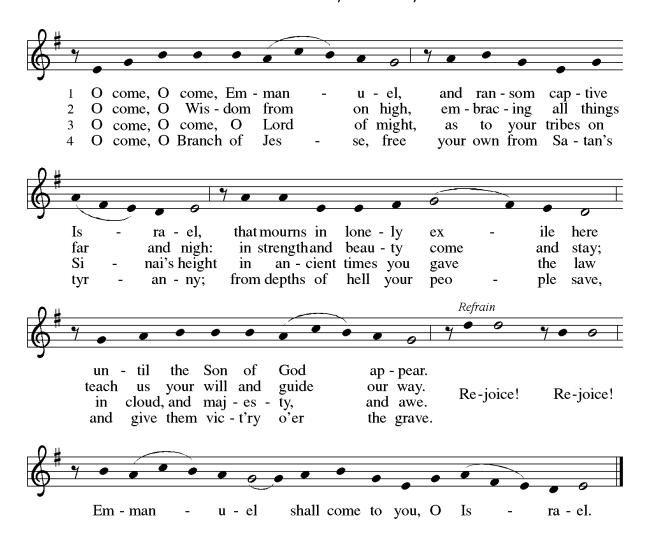
Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - ELW 257 v.2



FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see

or decide by what his ears hear,

but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor

and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,

and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist

and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb;

the leopard shall lie down with the kid;

the calf and the lion will feed together,

and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze;

their young shall lie down together;

and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,

and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy

on all my holy mountain,

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord

as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Here ends the reading. Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 (Read responsively by half verse.)

Give the king your justice, O God,

and your righteousness to a king's son.

May he judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice.

and your poor with justice.

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,

give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

May he live while the sun endures

and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,

like showers that water the earth.

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers - ELW #244 v.2



- 1 Re joice, re joice, be liev ers, and let your lights ap pear;
- 2 The watch-ers on the moun-tain pro-claim the bride-groom near;
- 3 The saints, who here in pa tience their cross and suf f'rings bore,
- 4 Our hope and ex pec ta tion, O Je sus, now ap pear;



eve-ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is the near. forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear. go shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more. rise. O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night-ed sphere.



The bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw-ing nigh.

The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.

A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;

With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry. A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride-groom is at hand. in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold. the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ!

THE SERMON – FEAR NOT: A Young Girl's Hope – *Pastor Frank Waugh*

HYMN OF THE DAY - Hark, the Glad Sound! - ELW #239 v. 1, 3-4



THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM - Natalie Workman

PRESENTATION

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

[Sponsors and Parents: We present Natalie Workman for baptism.]

Pastor: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God,

do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

[Parents: We do.]

Pastor: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that your child may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

[Parents: We do.]

Pastor: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture this family in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

[Sponsors: We do.]

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Natalie and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

Congregation: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the

forces that defy God?

[Parents and Sponsors: I renounce them.]

Pastor: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

[Parents and Sponsors: I renounce them.]

Pastor: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

[Parents and Sponsors: I renounce them.]

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth. Pour out your Holy Spirit and breathe new life into this child who is here baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

THE BAPTISM

Pastor: Natalie, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Natalie with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Natalie, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

WELCOME

Pastor: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

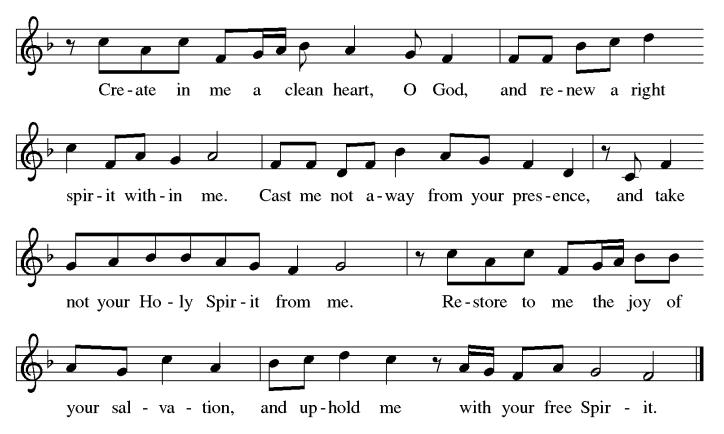
PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERING CANTICLE



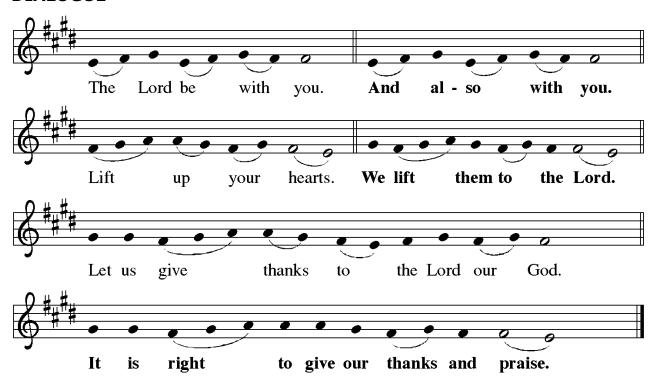
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Nourishing God,

you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come.

Amen.

DIALOGUE

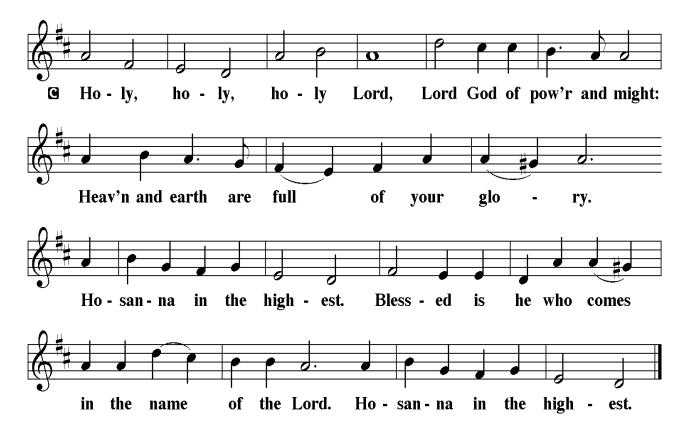


THE PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

HOLY COMMUNION

We believe and teach that the Real Presence of Christ is present in, under and through the bread and wine as means of grace, offering forgiveness of sins and new life to believers in Christ. Baptized followers of Jesus are welcome to partake of the sacrament regardless of denominational affiliation. Small children and unbaptized adults are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. We ask older children and adults seeking the blessing to cross hands to shoulders to indicate a desire for blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN

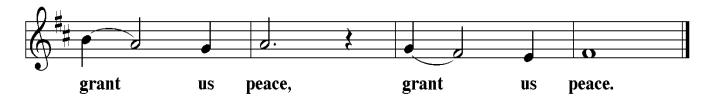


• Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.





COMMUNION MUSIC

POST-COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

BLESSING

May God who comes among us, Father, (+) Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN - O Day Full of Grace - ELW #627 v. 1-2, 5



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers for this week are being donated by Terry and Amy Hill in honor of Ed and Alicia Hill's 20th wedding anniversary.

PREPARE THE WAY WITH WEDNESDAY EVENING ADVENT WORSHIP!

Special Wednesday evening Advent services begin this week on December 3 at 6pm. Join with others to prepare your hearts for the joy that is to come as we welcome the Christ Child. Take part in food and fellowship as dinner is served at 5:15 pm. The Advent services will take the place of the weekly Bible study on December 3, 10, and 17 and will last approximately 45 minutes.

CHRISTMAS AND YEAR-ROUND GIVING

In case you missed the opportunity to turn in your 2026 Giving Intent card last Sunday, more cards are available at the Welcome Desk. Simply pick one up, fill it out, and deposit it in the box on the counter. Help us properly prepare to continue spreading God's message to the world.

Also, we want to remember our pastor and staff at Christmas time. Specially marked envelopes are included in your giving packets; if you give online, additional gifts may be marked for Pastor and Staff and dropped in the offering plate or mailed to the church. Gifts should arrive before December 31 to be counted in this calendar year.

FUN ON FRIDAY CELEBRATES THE SEASON!

OSLC members are invited to celebrate the season with Fun on Friday, December 12 at 11am. The group will gather at the home of Peter and Sandy Johnson, 32 Talamore Drive, Southern Pines. Bring an appetizer to share and a wrapped gift for a Christmas game (worth \$10). Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

A NEW FACE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

The Congregation Council has approved the hiring of Suzanne Donovan to provide services as Administrative Coordinator. She will begin work at the Church on December 1 and will have office hours Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week. Suzanne will join us for worship and introduction on Sunday, December 7th. We look forward to Suzanne's assistance in keeping church programming, communication, and organization running smoothly in this new year to come.

MATTHEW 25 RECEIVES GRANT

Congratulations to the team of Matthew 25 volunteers on receiving a \$2,000 grant from Food Lion Feeds! This grant will help the team continue to feed the food insecure as the prices of food continue to rise. Thank you to Amy Hill who authored the grant application.

OSLC BOOK CLUB

Join the conversation as we discuss *Small Things Like These*, by Claire Keegan, on December 10. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 4pm.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

OSLC is supporting the Holiday Food Drive of the Sandhills Coalition as it works to serve the food insecure within our area. From boxes of stuffing to cans of cranberry sauce, items to create holiday meals are being collected through December 17. Lists of special items needed are available in the front hallway where food may also be dropped off. Share your holiday spirit with those who need help

HOLIDAY BAKING MADE EASY!

Do your holiday baking with us! Order forms are available for six varieties of cookies by the dozen, fudge, and ready-to-bake scones. Place your order by today for December 7 delivery. All proceeds support our OSLC summer youth programs.

MATTHEW 25/PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Matthew 25 and our very own Preschool will host an evening full of food and entertainment on December 14 starting at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall. The dinner and children's program will have a few openings for OSLC members, and the proceeds of this free-will offering meal will be split between Matthew 25 and the preschool. Please prayerfully consider attending or making a donation. There will be a signup sheet at the Welcome Center, and if you have any questions, please see Debbie Robertson or call 815-355-2798.

HELP WARM HEARTS THIS CHRISTMAS!

Please help decorate the Mittens and Undies Christmas Tree with hats, gloves, scarves, socks and undies for girls and boys of all ages as well as hats, gloves, scarves and socks for women. Your gifts will be given to the children and mothers in Family Promise and Friend to Friend. We will be decorating the tree from Sunday, December 7, through Sunday, December 21. Thank you for your generosity.

CONNECTORS YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Connectors, the OSLC gathering for young adults, will meet on December 3 at 6pm at Brixx Pizza. Come have some pizza and connect with others! Please RSVP to Emma Smith by email (eesmithghs@gmail.com) if you are able to make it so we can get a table reserved for the group.

JOIN US FOR RESTORATION - WEDNESDAYS AT NOON

Restoration is an Our Saviour small group that meets Wednesdays at noon at the church.

OUR SAVIOUR PRAYER LIST

Please send your prayer requests to the OSLC prayer team at prayer@oursaviouronline.org or visit the prayer page on our website. [Note: Prayer requests will stay active for 2 weeks unless renewed.] This week, we are in prayer for:

Katie Geanes, the family of Aileen Garland, Tiffaney Flack, Valerie Murphy, Ed Carey, Jeff Masar, and Richard Barnes.

MATTHEW 25 SCHEDULE

Sunday	<u>Friday</u>
	12/5 Claytons
12/7 Mussetter	12/12 Tucek
12/14 Tucek	12/19 Ramirez
12/21 Carter	12/26 Lussier
12/28 Benson	

Drivers

12/2 Jim Peeples 12/9 Gary Robertson 12/16 Gary Tucek 12/23 No M25 deliveries

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Pastor Frank Waugh, Officiating Minister Linda Strohmenger, Organist Peter Johnson, Lay Reader

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, December 1

4:30 pm—Matthew 25

Tuesday, December 2

9 am-Matthew 25

Wednesday, December 3

9 am—Preschool Chapel

Noon—Restoration: Adult Small Group/Practicing the Way

5:15 pm—Wednesday Evening Dinner

6 pm—Advent Service

6:45 pm—Handbell Rehearsal

ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER

Nov. 2: 147 Nov. 9: 122 Nov. 16: 125 Nov. 23: 135

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