

DECEMBER 7, 2025 | 8:00 A.M. CHAPEL COMMUNION SERVICE
IN THE WAY OF IONA ABBEY, SCOTLAND



COMMUNION SERVICE

8:00 a.m., Cedarholm Chapel

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us go into the house of the Lord!
Let us meet God with joy!
God builds us up like a great city.
May peace be within our walls.
Let us seek the goodness of God;
Let us go into the house of the Lord!

* HYMN 96

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

WINCHESTER NEW

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As we gather to light the second Advent candle, let us confess our failure to be one with God, who is always among us.

God of the future,
You are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.
We confess that we have not expected your kingdom,
For we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment.
We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace.

God, in your mercy, forgive us.
Grant us wisdom to welcome your way,
And to seek things that will endure
When Christ comes to judge the world.

As the candle is lit, these words are said:

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.
As the Lord has promised, in days to come...
The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
The leopard shall lie down with the kid,
The calf and the lion and the fatling will lie down together,
And a little child shall lead them.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Every valley is lifted up; every mountain, made low.
Now the glory of the Lord is revealed,
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.
Beloved, believe the Good News:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!
Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-14 (NT, page 58)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Gifts We Seek: Peace

Rev. Edwin Estevez

INVITATION

THE THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened our weary hearts with peace. Teach us to proclaim the birth of your Son Jesus Christ in all that we do. Empower us by your Spirit to be Christ's presence in the world even as Jesus was God-with-us. Give us courage to speak his truth, to seek his justice, and to love with his love. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

*** HYMN 104**

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

BENEDICTION

TITHES AND OFFERING

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CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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The wreaths, garlands, and poinsettias decorating the sanctuary and transepts are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Edgar and Mary Annette Flint, Howard Flint II and Marilyn Flint, *by Martha and David Kistler, Heather and Mike Putz, David Fischer Jr., and Mary and Chris Pardi.*

The wreaths on the Sanctuary doors are presented to the glory of God *by Mr. and Mrs. David B. Littleton* in joyful gratitude for God's gift to all people of his son, Jesus Christ.

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