

upcoming events

Join the Choir!

Sundays, 11:30 am, Sanctuary

Martha Vujovich is leading the choir prior to our new music director arriving in January. All are welcome; no experience necessary! The choir will rehearse following worship each Sunday. This is a wonderful opportunity to give choral singing a try. Contact Martha with questions at watermusic@comcast.net.

Winter Clothing Drive and Giving Tree Collection

We are still collecting and delivering items needed by Ritter Center and Street Chaplaincy. Look for the collection box in the narthex for all items, including Giving Tree tags. Especially needed are clean and gently used (or new) men's and women's socks, men's clothing, warm coats, raincoats.

Advent Workshop

Today, 11:00 am, Findlay Hall

Our middle schoolers host a time of games and crafts for all ages to celebrate the joy of the season.

Bible Study – Gospel of Matthew

Today, 11:30 am, Library

Join Rob and Bethany for an in-depth look at the Gospel of Matthew. We will meet in the library; join for as many of the Sundays as you are available.

From Longing to Receiving: An Advent Study

Wednesdays, Dec. 10-17, 9:30 am, Room 201a/b

We will explore the Advent journey from longing for the birth of Jesus to receiving the Christ Child into our hearts and lives. Facilitated by Rob and Bethany.

Christmas in the Gospels

Thursdays, Dec. 11-18, 12:00 pm, RingCentral

Each of the Gospels tells the story of Jesus' birth very differently. In fact, Mark does not tell it at all! Join Jeff, Bethany, and Rob as we examine the various stories in Matthew, Luke, and John. Feel free to eat lunch as we gather.

WPC Hiking Group

Friday, December 12, 9:30 am

Sharon Terrill will lead an easy, 3.5 mile out and back hike at Tennessee Valley. Following the hike, join in lunch and a cookie exchange at Carol Coffman's home. Contact Sharon or Carol with questions and to RSVP – sharon_terrill@me.com, boco54@gmail.com.

International Speaker Series

Sunday, December 14, 11:30am, Room 201a/b

Martin Lloyd will offer insight into life in the United Kingdom and the differences in our political and cultural lives. We are nations who use the same language and have a common heritage, and yet we are so different.

Advent Meditation

Wednesdays, Dec. 17, 7:00 pm, Zoom

Led by Judy Friede and the Rev. Kay Collette, this will be a time of quiet centering amidst the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season. We turn our gaze to the presence of God within our hearts and minds through shared quiet, poetry, reflection, and guided meditation.



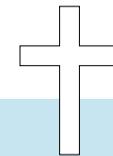
December 7, 2025

10:00 am Worship

Second Sunday of Advent

"Like the childhood game of "musical chairs," we are convinced that there are not enough places at the table. And so we shrink the guest list just in case there is not enough, and we scramble to occupy the chairs first. And yet our sacred texts invite us to imagine and make real the gathering of all people to the table, robed in the garments of a Peace that comes with justice. This is what really matters– this is the fruit of what is right and good."

~ Marcia McFee



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order of worship

Prelude Reflections at the Crèche G. Winston Cassler

Sharing of Peace Robert McClellan

Introit

**Make of my heart a stable, a house for the holy,
a warm and sturdy place for peace to live and grow.**

Advent Candle Lighting Susan Berkhout

* **Opening Hymn** People, Look East No.105

Community Prayer Bethany Nelson

Provider of All Things, Architect of Justice, Dreamer of Peace, we come to your table seeking communion with you and with one another. We lament ways in which people harm one another and creation, ways we fail to adequately work for the wellbeing of all. We reflect on our own participation in such harm and we pray for a spirit of abundance, care for neighbor, and courage to cultivate more just communities. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Assurance

Joys and Concerns and The Lord's Prayer (page 35 in the hymnal) Robert McClellan

Anthem Bless Now, O God the Journey.. arr.Anne Krentz Organ

Time of Discovery Bethany Nelson

Go now in peace; go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere you may go.

First Scripture Reading Baruch 5:1-5 Susan Berkhout

Second Scripture Reading Philippians 1:9-11, pg.953 Robert McClellan

Sermon A Place at the Table (Peace) Robert McClellan

Silent Reflection

Offertory What Child is This (Greensleeves) Paul Manz

* **Doxology** No.609

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Prayer of Dedication Susan Berkhout

Celebration of the Lord's Supper See box

Life of the Beloved Community Bethany Nelson

* **Closing Hymn** You Thirsty Ones, Come No.78

* **Benediction** Robert McClellan

Postlude Angels We Have Heard on High (Gloria) Wilbur Held

*Often, worshippers stand

Ministry Staff

The Rev. Dr. Robert McClellan, Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Bethany Nelson, Associate Pastor
Jeff Shankle, Director of Youth Ministry
Martha Vujovich, Interim Choir Director
Patty Sempell, Worship Accompanist
The Rev. Brook Scott, Parish Associate
The Rev. Dr. Barbara Rowe, Associate Pastor Emeritus

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sharing of Peace

**This is the joyful feast of the people of God.
Come from the north and the south.
Come from the east and the west.
Come sit at the table in the kingdom of God.**

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

Many: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy No.595

Sharing the Elements

Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven No.511

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken . No.498

Closing Prayer