



St. Paul's

United Methodist Church



Music Sunday
Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

9:00 & 10:30 a.m.



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Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we welcome you to St. Paul's, a Reconciling congregation of the United Methodist Church. All are celebrated here and all are safe. This bulletin will guide our service today. More helpful information can be found following the order of worship.

Gathering for Worship

(* - please stand in body or spirit)

Announcements

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Prelude

Dance on Gabriel's Message (10:30 AM only)

Michael Bedford

*Call to Worship

Lay Reader

Leader: We gather today in great hope, longing to see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

All: The Almighty has done great things for us. Holy is God's name.

Leader: May our worship strengthen our hands, make firm our trembling knees,
and unburden our fearful hearts.

All: The Almighty has done great things for us. Holy is God's name.

Leader: Knowing that God is near, let us be patient with the times,
and with one another.

All: The Almighty has done great things for us. Holy is God's name.

Leader: To all who ask about our hope, let us tell the good news
of what we have seen and heard.

All: The Almighty has done great things for us. Holy is God's name.

*Hymn #211

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Verses 1-3: All Singers

Verse 4: Treble Voices Only

Verse 5: All

Verse 6: Low Voices Only

Verse 7: All

Lighting the Advent Wreath

The Harris Family (10:30 AM)

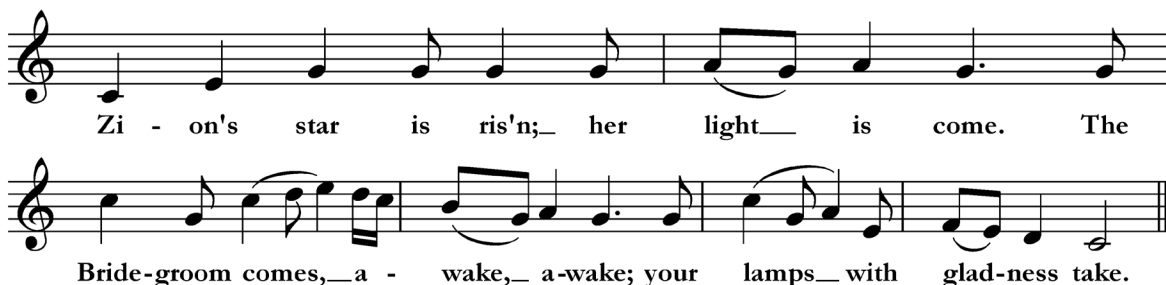
First Reader: In the midst of our waiting and longing for God to make the world right again, we cling to the truth that God has saved, God is saving, and God will save. So today, we join our voices with the prophet Isaiah, who calls us to live in the joy of the truth of God's salvation.

All: We choose to believe that the day is coming when "the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away" (Isaiah 35:10).

Second Reader: We light this candle of joy as a sign of the Truth that sets us free to live in joy as we wait and work for the day when all creation will flourish together.

Lighting the second candle of the Advent wreath.

Congregational Advent Response



Zi - on's star is ris'n; her light is come. The
Bride-groom comes, a - wake, a-wake; your lamps with glad-ness take.

Opening Prayer

Lay Reader

**Joyful and patient God,
you break into our Advent busyness
with your extravagant promise of glory and joy.
Fire up our imagination with holy trust in your goodness.
Inspire us with a patience
that sees beyond our habitual longing for past glories and understandings.
Move us beyond our too familiar criticisms of one another
and of ourselves.
Open our eyes and help us to see your compassion,
already at work in our world;
healing, restoring, strengthening,
and telling the good news that you are near.
Make us signs of your everlasting joy for your people
and for all the world.
We pray in the name of Jesus,
whose nearness we proclaim. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Sheridan Allmond

Proclamation of the Word

Luke 1:47-55 (NRSVUE)

Lay Reader

Pew Bible: New Testament p. 57

⁴⁷[And] my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.
Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,
⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name;
⁵⁰indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones

and lifted up the lowly;
⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴He has come to the aid of his child Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Response to the Word

*Hymn #198

My Soul Gives Glory to My God (9:00 AM only)

Music (10:30 AM only)

The Magnificat: 1st Movement
Sanctuary Choir & Chamber Orchestra

Taylor Scott Davis

*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 generations.
Quia fecit mihi magna
qui potens est:
et sanctum nomen ejus.*

*My soul magnifies the Lord.
And my spirit has rejoices
in God my savior.
For he has regarded the low estate
of his handmaiden:
for behold, henceforth all generations
shall call me blessed.
For he who is mighty
has done great things to me;
and holy is his name.*

Music (10:30 AM only)

The Magnificat: 2nd Movement
Sanctuary Choir & Chamber Orchestra
Anna Phillips Brown, soprano

Taylor Scott Davis

*Shall I rejoice for Christ in me,
The first of such to say?
All that this child shall ever say or be
Now lives and grows in me.*

*Shall I rejoice for Christ in me,
His name forever mine?
I yield to him my life's identity;
Christ lives and grows in me.*

*Shall I rejoice for Christ in me,
Both glory and disgrace?
My song shall be both joy and agony;
Christ live and grows in me.*

*Shall I rejoice for Christ in me,
As clouds and shadows rise?
I ponder scenes that I don't want to see.
Christ lives and grows in me.*

Moment of Reflection

Music (10:30 AM only)

The Magnificat: 3rd Movement
Sanctuary Choir & Chamber Orchestra

Taylor Scott Davis

*Et misericordia ejus a progenie
in progenies timentibus eum.
Fecit potentiam in brachio suo;
dispersit superbos
mente cordis sui.*

*And his mercy is on them
who fear him from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud,
even the arrogant of heart.*

Music (10:30 AM only)

The Magnificat: 4th Movement
Sanctuary Choir & Chamber Orchestra

Taylor Scott Davis

*Deposuit potentes de sede
et exaltavit humiles.*

*Esurientes implevit bonis:
et divites dimisit inanes.*

*Suscepit Israel puerum suum,
recordatus misericordiae suae.*

*Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros,
Abraham et semini ejus in saecula.*

*He has deposed he mighty from their seats,
And exalted the humble.*

*The hungry he has filled with good things,
And the rich he has sent empty away.*

*He has helped his servant Israel,
In remembrance of his mercy.*

*As it was spoken to our fathers,
To Abraham and his seed forever.*

Sermon

Rev. Sheridan Allmond

Invitation to Discipleship and Giving

Rev. Sheridan Allmond

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Offertory (10:30 AM only)

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow
Christina Griffin, soprano

arr. Marvin Mills

*There's a star in the East on Christmas morn; rise up, shepherd and follow;
It will lead to the place where the babe is born; rise up, shepherd and follow.*

*Leave your ewes and leave your lambs, rise up, shepherd and follow;
Leave your sheep and leave your rams, rise up, shepherd and follow.*

*Follow, follow; rise up, shepherd and follow.
Follow the star of Bethlehem; rise up, shepherd and follow.*

*If you hark to the angel's holy word; rise up, shepherd, and follow;
You'll forget your flock, you'll forget your herd; rise up, shepherd and follow.*

*Doxology #95

OLD 100TH

Music (10:30 AM only)

The Magnificat: 5th Movement
Sanctuary Choir & Chamber Orchestra

Taylor Scott Davis

*Gloria Patri, et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto.*

*Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen!*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!*

The Great Thanksgiving and Communion

The Invitation, Confession & Pardon

UM Hymnal p. 12

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have
broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our
neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Passing the Peace

The Great Thanksgiving

UM Hymnal p. 13-14

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The pastor gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation and concludes:

L: And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

P: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full
of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The pastor continues the thanksgiving and concludes:

L: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

P: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The pastor continues and concludes:

L: All honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

P: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

UM Hymnal, #895

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. Amen.

Breaking the Bread and Giving the Bread & Cup

All communion bread is gluten-free.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending Forth

*Hymn #202

People Look East

*Benediction and Dismissal

Rev. Sheridan Allmond

Postlude (10:30 AM only)

Toccata on Wenceslas

Marvin Mills





SIPPING MINISTRY

Please enjoy coffee, treats, and fellowship in the Octagon following the 10:30 AM worship service. Sipping Ministry today is hosted by the Scott family.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers are given today by **Jen Graff & Colby Hauser**
in celebration of the St. Paul's community.



SUNDAY WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

December 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM – Worship with Communion

10:30 AM –Worship with Sanctuary Choir



THE GIFT OF MUSIC

Worship music today has been made possible in part through generous gifts from members of this congregation and anonymous supporters of St. Paul's Music Ministry, and through the Anne and Gene Garrett Memorial Music Fund, named in loving memory of life-long supporters whose legacy provides St. Paul's UMC with the ongoing gift of music.



UPCOMING ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- **December 14, 2025**
 - 9:00 AM – Worship with Communion
 - 10:30 AM– Worship with Sanctuary Choir
- **December 17, 2025 (Still Wednesday)**
 - 7:00-8:00 PM – Blue Christmas hour of music, reflection, and silent prayer in the Octagon

- **December 21, 2025**
 - 9:00 AM – Worship with Communion
 - 10:30 AM– Worship with Joyful Ringers and Children’s Choir
- **December 24, 2025 (Wednesday, Christmas Eve)**
 - 7:30 PM – Christmas Eve Organ Prelude
 - 8:00 PM – Christmas Eve Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Communion, and candlelight.
- **December 28, 2025**
 - 9:00 AM – Worship with Communion
 - 10:30 AM– Worship
- **Weekday Office Hours:** St. Paul’s offices will be closed to the public starting December 24. Individual work hours during the winter holiday break will vary. Staff will return to regular office hours on Monday, January 5, 2026. (Worship services will be held on Sundays as usual.)
- **Winter Break Schedules:** Many groups take a winter break between Christmas and New Year’s. Please contact a group leader for details about any schedule changes.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly News – Visit stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news or scan the QR code to find all the announcements, links, and event details shared in our Weekly News. For questions about announcements, please contact Erin Steele in the church office (stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org).



Welcome! – **Restrooms** including a family restroom with changing table can be found past the church office, near the water fountain. **Large-print Bibles and Hymnals** are available from our ushers. **T-coil hearing aids** work in our Sanctuary. **Sign in!** Members, friends, and visitors alike are encouraged to use the attendance pads in the pews to share your name and note your attendance today. Please read more about worship at stpaulsk.org/worship.

Today’s Sunday School News – *Sunday, Dec. 7.* As is our custom, children attend worship with their families on the first Sunday of the month. Sunday School classes will not be held today. The Nursery is available for children pre-K and younger. Busy Bags with quiet children’s activities can be found at the Welcome desk.

Hours – The office is open for drop-in visits and phone calls Monday-Thursday, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Individual staff and clergy availability varies. Worship on Sunday at 9:00 AM includes Communion each week. Worship at 10:30 AM includes music from the Sanctuary Choir weekly and Communion on the first Sunday of the month.

Events and Information

- **New! Christmas Holiday Giving** – *now-Sunday, Dec. 14.* This Christmas, help our neighbors with fewer means to shop with dignity and select age-appropriate gifts their children will treasure! This year the Holiday Giving Project will provide a \$25 gift card for each child or household in our Hunger Ministry plus about 40 households referred to us by our partners at the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services Holiday Giving program. Here are three ways you can be involved!
 1. Purchase a physical \$25 gift card from Target and deliver it to the church office by **Sunday, December 14.** Take a paper tag from the Giving Tree in the Narthex as a reminder.
 2. Donate any dollar figure! These funds will be collected together and church staff will order cards in the \$25 amount, directly from Target. You can contribute online or by cash or check made out to St. Paul's with "Giving Tree" in the memo.
 3. Sign a card to add a personal touch! Christmas greeting cards will be available in the Octagon during Sipping Ministry on December 14. Simply sign "From your friends at St. Paul's." (Optional: you can add names or an additional short holiday message if you wish.)
- **New! Scattered for Service** – *December 7-21.* Why give "stuff" to your friends and loved ones this Christmas, when you can give gifts of peace, hope, and kindness in their honor instead? Donate through St. Paul's Scattered for Service, and we will take care of sending the funds to whichever charities you choose from our catalog. We also provide customizable dedication cards that allow you to announce your gift. Have fun matching each loved one with a charity! Consider donating to provide medical care for the homeless at Christ House in honor of your aunt who is a doctor. Fund books for preschoolers through Imagination Library in honor of your favorite school librarian. Honor your nephew's love of animals by sending chickens to a struggling family through Heifer International. Find the full catalog at the Scattered for Service table or online at stpaulsk.org/service/scattered-for-service.
- **Today: Advent Devotionals** – Journey meaningfully through the Advent season using one of the free Advent resources available in the Narthex. The Advent Calendar of Devotions includes a suggested Scripture, a short devotion, and a short prayer or practice for each day of Advent. The Advent Devotional from Sanctified Art this year

explores the theme “What Do You Fear?: Insisting on Hope this Advent” and offers original artwork, poetry, and opportunities for creative reflection.

- **Today: Poinsettia Orders** – *Sundays, Dec. 7 & 14*. Our Sanctuary will glow with the warm colors of poinsettias at Christmas this year. Sponsor a poinsettia, in memory or in honor of someone special, for \$20 per plant. Dedications will appear in a special Poinsettia Bulletin at Christmas. Order poinsettias online by credit card, or visit Betsy Sanford in the Narthex on Sunday immediately after worship to place an order using cash or check. You may take your plant home following Christmas Eve worship on December 24!
- **Today: SPY Schedule** – St. Paul’s Youth, for grades 6-12, has several exciting events planned!
 - **Regular SPY Meeting** – *Dec. 7*. Our usual Sunday evening meeting with pizza dinner in the MPR at St. Paul’s will include a Christmas gift-making session.
 - **SPYs in the Garden!** – *RSVP by Dec. 8! Field Trip Dec. 14*. St. Paul’s Youth will meet directly at Brookside Gardens to enjoy the spectacular displays in the Winter Garden of Lights. *We must buy tickets in advance!* Contact Megan Montgomery at megan.w.montgomery@gmail.com no later than Monday, Dec. 8 to reserve a spot. Parents should drop off at 7:00 PM and pick up at 8:15 PM at the gardens. St. Paul’s will provide Garden of Lights tickets, warm drinks, and desserts. (Please eat dinner before you come.)
 - **SPY Christmas Break** – We will not meet on Dec. 21, Dec. 28, or Jan. 4.
 - **IGNITE Conference** – *March 2026!* The Baltimore-Washington Conference will welcome youth from around the region for the Ignite conference, March 20-22, 2026, an exciting mix of worship, concerts, and youth-focused activities in Ocean City MD. St. Paul’s will have a group of students and chaperones attending this year! Interested youth should contact Megan Montgomery megan.w.montgomery@gmail.com for more info. Scholarships are available.
- **Next Week: Bible & Brews** – *Sunday, Dec. 14, Special Time! 4:30-5:30 PM*. All are welcome at this gathering for interfaith conversations with Pastor Joey, Rabbi Adam, and friends from Temple Emanuel. Family-friendly meetings take place at a local Kensington watering hole – this month is Knowles Station Wine & Co. (10414 Detrick Ave, Kensington, MD). Contact joeyhm@stpaulsk.org with any questions! Then, please join our Jewish neighbors at 6:00 PM for the Town of Kensington’s Menorah Lighting ceremony at Town Hall on Mitchell Street, immediately across from St. Paul’s office doors.
- **Next Week: Lydia Circle Holiday Meeting** – *Sunday, Dec. 14*. The Lydia Circle Sisters meeting in December will be a holiday luncheon held at the home of Arceli Suley, after the 10:30 Sunday service on December 14. Please contact Susan Schwarz

(susan10748@aol.com, 301-339-8242) if you are not already a member of Lydia Circle and you would like to attend!

- **Next Week: Taste & Sing** – *Tuesday, Dec. 16, 12:00-1:30 PM*. The December gathering will feature a Christmas Carol hymn-sing! With Tom Pedersen at the piano and Erin Steele leading the singing, we'll sing some favorites from the hymnal, by request! Then we'll have a short program to dive deeper into some of the stories behind our hymns. Stay for a time of fellowship and a tasty lunch prepared by Ginny Hagberg. (\$5 donation).
- **Next Week: Still Wednesday's Blue Christmas** – *Wednesday, Dec. 17, 7:00-8:00 PM in the Octagon*. The Christmas season can be challenging for those navigating an emotional season of life. We invite you to a "Blue Christmas" themed hour. We aim to create a holy safe place with the support of music, candles, prayer, and silent reflection.
- **Do One Small Thing** – Pastor Joey invites everyone to join us this Advent for our "Do One Small Thing" Campaign. Each day, do one quiet, hope-filled act — Secret-Santa style — to share Christ's light in the world. Small acts can soften hearts, lift spirits, and help us prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth with meaning and joy. Let's join God's work of renewal together, one small thing at a time!
- **Kensington Town News** – The Town of Kensington will host many holiday activities throughout the month, including holiday markets, The British Players comedic pantomime show, the Town Christmas Tree Lighting with an appearance by Santa (Dec. 7), Christmas Caroling around the fountain at Flinn Park (Dec. 22), and many other activities. For the full list, visit stpaulsk.org/community/calendar-events and click the link for the town newsletter and town calendar. (Some events may impact traffic and parking around Kensington.)
- **Stewardship News** – Your stewardship team offers a heartfelt *thank you* to all those who shared a pledge of financial support. If you haven't yet pledged, please help keep St. Paul's strong in 2026 by making your pledge today. Please find blank pledge forms in the basket in the Narthex or fill out a pledge form online at stpaulsk.org/giving.
- **Grocery Donations** – Consider donating to St. Paul's year-round ministry to provide grocery resources for hungry neighbors. As expected, we have seen an increase in local need, with extra pressure on our government-backed systems. Requested items: Box of cereal, Instant oatmeal, Canned Chicken, Canned Tuna (or other fish), Peanut Butter, Soup, Rice, Beans, Pasta, Pasta Sauce in can/plastic jar, Canned Vegetable or Fruit in can/plastic jar, Mac & Cheese, Shelf-stable Milk, Ground coffee, Cooking oil (vegetable oil, canola oil, etc.). Please remember: *no items past their use-by/sell-by date, no dirty or damaged containers, and no glass*. (Glass breaks and creates a hazard.) Items may be placed in the bins in the Narthex. Financial donations marked "Hunger Ministry" help

us provide recipients with grocery store gift cards enabling them to buy fresh or frozen foods or hygiene products. More details at stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry.

- **Regular Activities** – Please contact group leaders or the church office for details!
 - **Sanctuary Choir** – *Sundays at 9:30 AM*. Open to grade 7 and up and adult singers. We rehearse each week at 9:30 on Sundays in Room 211 and sing for the 10:30 service. Singers are welcome week-to-week or on a continuing basis!
 - **Children's Choir** – *Most Sundays, 11:45-12:30*. Children in grades K-6 will meet in the MPR to have fun and prepare music to share in worship.
 - **St. Paul's Youth** – Our regular meeting schedule is Sundays, 7:00-8:30 PM. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join SPY for faith, friendship, and fun in the Multi-Purpose Room! Find the full schedule and fill out the permission form at stpaulsk.org/community/youth or contact Pastor Sheridan (sallmond@stpaulsk.org) if you have questions.
 - **Prayerwaves** – *Wednesdays, 10:00-10:30 AM*. To pray together by phone, dial 425-436-6326 a few minutes before 10:00 AM, then enter access code 774042 followed by the # sign. To receive the prayer list by email, please contact Erin Steele in the church office at stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org.
 - **Sermon Safari** – *Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 PM*. In this drop-in Zoom study, we'll watch a video of a sermon and then discuss it. Recent sessions featured Senator Rev. Raphael Warnock and Mariann Budde, Bishop of the National Cathedral. For the Zoom link, contact Dr. Meg Baker at megbaker@verizon.net.
 - **Joyful Ringers** – *Wednesdays, 7:00 PM*. An exciting handbell choir for adults that promises fun and fellowship. We welcome new ringers! Contact Tom Pedersen for info: tpedersen@stpaulsk.org
 - **Still Wednesday** – *Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 PM*. (Please note we will not meet on Christmas Eve, December 24, or New Year's Eve, December 31.) Still Wednesday gathers in either the Sanctuary or the Octagon for a guided time of poetry, scripture, music, or art, with about 20 minutes of silent prayer. Come as you feel led.
 - **Yarn Ministry** – *Mondays twice a month, 7:00-8:30 PM*. Bring your knitting, crochet, or other craft project and craft alongside friends in the church library. We will also plan the fall Craft Fair. Contact Karen Codner for up-to-date meeting info: KDC811@gmail.com.
 - **Lydia Circle Sisters** – *Wednesdays once a month, 2:30-4:00 PM*. All ladies are welcome at Lydia Circle gatherings, usually on the first Wednesday of the month unless there is a special event. Contact Susan Schwarz at 301-339-8242 or susan10748@aol.com for the current schedule!

- **Stephen Ministers** – Please contact Martha Lipscomb (301-518-1642) to be connected to a Stephen Minister for confidential care and a listening ear.
- **Sanctuary Flower Sponsors** – The flower chart for 2026 is now available in the church office! Please add your name to the chart to reserve a date, then fill out a yellow form with dedication information. The cost is \$45.
- **Sipping Ministry** – This fellowship time with coffee and snacks after worship happens whenever a family, group, class, or individual wishes to sponsor it. To host a Sipping Ministry, sign up on the office bulletin board and take a “how to” instruction sheet.



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A/V Team: John & Biljana Regan; John Stephens

Children's Choir Director: Christina Griffin

Lay Leader: Anne Dean

Usher Coordinator: Nathan Bazawada

Lay Reader: Beth Pierce (9:00 AM); John Stephens (10:30 AM)

Advent Readers: Del & Deborah Harris

Guest Musicians:

Violin I: Hilde Singer

Violin II: Christine Showalter

Viola: Andrew Weaver

Cello: Amy Stennett Smith

Bass: Edward Leaf

Flute: Sawyer McMillan

Oboe: Francine Amos Hardy

Clarinet: Katie Ravenwood

Bassoon: Robert Sirois

Horn: Peter Morris

Harp: Anastasia Pike

Percussion: Jo Huling





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