

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 14, 2025

Musical Prelude

Welcome & Church Highlights

Musical Offering | *A Christmas Laudamus* by Susan Naus Dengler and Lee Dengler

- APPROACHING GOD -

Advent Reading & Candle Lighting | Micah 5:2-5a

Words of Approach | Luke 2:10-14

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Prayer of Approach

Song of Approach | *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

- OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD -

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Heavenly Father all of us stand in need of rescue and release from the weight of our sin by our Lord Jesus Christ. We confess amidst this Advent season that instead of peaceful, we are often anxious; instead of joyful, we are often irritable; instead of being amazed, we are often indifferent; and in the place of anticipation, we are often fearful. In our unbelief, we have become impoverished. Have mercy on us, we pray.

Silent Confession of Sin & Brokenness

Song of Confession | *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Words of Grace

Leader: As we hear the ancient prophecies of the coming of the Messiah, we long for the day when death will be swallowed up and every tear will be wiped away. As we wait expectantly for Christ's promised return, we live in this assurance of God's grace:

All: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible; all things were created through him and for him.

Leader: And He is before all things, and in him, all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the Church.

All: He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Songs of Advent Celebration | *Hark the Herald Angels Sing / Sing We the Song of Emmanuel*

Prayer for God's Provision & Guidance

Doxology (Children may be dismissed for Children's Church, first service only)

- RENEWED BY GOD -

Message | *Immanuel (Isaiah 7)*

Song of Dismissal | *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

- SENT BY GOD -

Benediction

Musical Postlude

Passage Next Week | *The Wonder of Christmas* (Luke 2:8-20), Tim Coyle

Worship Leaders Today

Worship Leader | Jack Tuttle, Elder

Music | Isaiah Day

Special Music | GCPC Adult Choir, directed by Jeri Field

Advent Readers | McKinley & Caitlin Verlik / Scott & Michelle Weersing

Message | Rev. Ben Robertson

Congregational Prayer | Nick Bair

Greeters | Dave & Iris Rudy / Ron Pohl

Deacon of the Day | David Hoffman, Josh Rutan

Video/Sound/Tech | Tim Nargi, Jeff Field

Children's Ministry Today

8:30 Service

Infant/Toddler Nursery | Susan & Jack Tuttle, Evie Mortier

Children's Church | Rachel Tuttle

Beginning Catechism | Nathan Luzwick

Advanced Catechism | Amy Simpers

10:00 Education Hour

Infant/Toddler Nursery | Ellen Rowe & Jamie Field

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Sunday School this week. Please come celebrate Kathy Buhl and her many years of service to Grace at the reception in her honor!

11:00 Service - No educational offerings at this time

Infant/Toddler Nursery | Joe & Lynn Howard



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- 1) Online at www.gracecovpca.org/resources/giving
- 2) Send check to GCPC at 1677 Jamestown Rd, Williamsburg, VA 23185
- 3) Bringing your gifts with you to worship and depositing it in the offering box in the back of the Worship Area.