



# WCC UPDATE

## DECEMBER 2025

### PERSONALLY FROM THE PASTOR

To My Church Family,

Did you know that the phrase, "Do not be afraid!" is one of the most repeated commands in the Bible? I have an application on my laptop that allows me to search for these kinds of phrases to see exactly how many times they appear. In the NRSV, "Do not be afraid," appears in 70 times, while "Do not fear," appears 58 times. It's like God knew just how much we would struggle with fear in this Sin-sick world, and wanted to reassure us as much as possible that everything will be OK!

This Advent, we'll dive deeper into this theme through our sermon series "Do Not Be Afraid." Each week we'll explore the powerful "do not be afraid" passages found in the birth narratives of Luke and Matthew, listening closely to the angelic messages that spoke peace into the fears of Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds. Their stories remind us that God meets us right in the midst of our anxieties with reassurance, purpose, and hope!

In Christ,

**Matt Stiveson**



*Merry Christmas!*  
*to all of you!*  
*from Matt, Teresa, Rico and Karen*

## MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE

Happy Holidays Church Family!

The choir will soon be sharing our Celtic inspired Christmas cantata **"Tapestry of Light."** **This will take place on Sunday, December 21st during our 9:30 am morning worship service.** It is coming along beautifully, and I have been very pleased with how many have joined us again this year.

I am always so thankful for our volunteers. I know you are not being paid, yet you choose to come sing out of the goodness of your hearts. I hope you all find it as fulfilling as I do. I always leave with a smile on my face every Wednesday evening after spending time singing and laughing with all of you. I always hope to spread a bit of light into what might be a hard week for some of you. Thank you for always being here. It means the world to me!

May God bless you always.

Teresa

**Dr. Teresa Crane, D.M.A.**

## THANKS

Thanks to everyone who participated in our annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

**A special thanks to the Membership Ministry Team!**

## 2025 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

There will be hard copies available in the Narthex beginning on November 30, and we will be emailing digital copies as well. Thanks to all who contributed!

## ADVENT SERVICE PROJECT

We are once again collecting items for the church's food pantry. We would like to resupply our back-stock as much as possible so that we can continue to provide these vital resources to those in need. There is a complete list of suggested donation items in the Sunday bulletin.

In addition, we are encouraging you to support the work of Voice of the Martyrs by purchasing a gift for persecuted Christians. See the order form in the bulletin for more information.



## **STUDENT MINISTRIES UPDATE**

Our kids will have many opportunities throughout their faith journeys to explore the nativity story and celebrate the birth of our baby King. But perhaps just as compelling as the day itself is the long-expected nature of Messiah's birth. God had promised a King. The prophets foretold His story. The weeks leading up to Christmas Day can be a time of vibrant anticipation, of knowing that something worth waiting for is coming, and yet having to wait it out. In our next Sunday School series, kids will celebrate Advent in a new way as they discover the prophecies about the coming Savior from Isaiah in the Old Testament and the fulfillment of those prophecies in the birth of Jesus and the promise of His return.

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING/2026 CHURCH OFFICERS**

The final approval of the 2026 church officers will take place during our annual **congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, December 7.**

## **STAFF APPRECIATION**

It is a tradition of our church to show our appreciation to the church staff at the end of the service on the Sunday immediately preceding Christmas. There will be a green basket in the Narthex on December 21 for those who would like to give them a card.

## **WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY THROUGH JUNE 2026**

Would you like to help out on Sunday mornings during worship? We schedule our volunteers for a six-month period and would love to help you get plugged in. Below are the opportunities that are available:

- **AUDIO/VISUAL BOOTH** – Operates the PowerPoint worship program
- **CAMERA OPERATOR** – Using a remote, changes the camera angles for the online service
- **GREETER AT THE DOOR** – Welcomes people at the door, hands out bulletins
- **SERVER** – Collects offering and serves communion with a team
- **COMMUNION AND OFFERING INVITATION AND PRAYER** – Prepares and presents
- **SCRIPTURE READER** – Reads the assigned Scripture from the pulpit

**There will be a signup sheet in the bulletin for the next few weeks.** (Keep in mind that we know that schedules change, and we are always flexible.)

## **PREACHING AND TEACHING SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAYS**

December 7: Do Not Be Afraid: God is With You (Luke 1:26-38)

December 14: Do Not Be Afraid: God Redeems Broken Stories (Matthew 1:18-25)

December 21: Do Not Be Afraid: Good New is for Everyone (Luke 2:8-20)

December 28: 1 Corinthians 1



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Tuesday Mornings	8:30 am	<b>Men's Bible Study</b> —meeting at IHOP at 221 W. 104 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Northglenn. See Steve Cancino for information.
Wednesday Evenings	6:40 pm	<b>Choir Rehearsal (note time change; final rehearsal this month is December 17)</b>
Thursday Afternoons	12:00 – 2:00 pm	<b>Food Pantry</b> <b>No Food Pantry the week of December 22 or December 29</b>
Tuesday, December 2	9:30 am	<b>Church Women United</b> —join the ladies of our church and other local churches as they create items to give to local care centers.
Saturday, December 6	11:00 am – 12:30 pm	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
Sunday, December 7	We collect Pocket Change offerings on the first Sunday of every month and use the money given to this program to promote and purchase materials for the church.	
	9:30 am	<b>Worship</b> <b>Congregational Meeting immediately following worship</b>
	10:30 am	<b>Bible Study for All Ages</b>
	11:30 am	<b>Elders' Meeting</b>
Saturday, December 13	11:00 am – 12:30 pm	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
Sunday, November 14	9:30 am	<b>Worship</b>
	10:30 am	<b>Bible Study for All Ages</b>
Sunday, December 21	9:30 am	<b>Worship – Christmas Cantata, “Tapestry of Light”</b>
	10:30 am	<b>Bible Study for All Ages</b>
Wednesday, December 24	5:30 pm	<b>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</b>
Thursday, December 25 – 31	<b>Church Office Closed</b>	
Sunday, December 28	9:30 am	<b>Worship</b>
	10:30 am	<b>Bible Study for All Ages</b>