

Sunday, December 7, 2025

9:30 and 11:00 am

Welcome In-person and Online congregations

Announcements

(We ask you to please sign the "Welcome to Worship" pad, located at the end of the pew, next to the center aisle, and pass it along to your neighbor; then pass it back so that after the service you may take the opportunity to greet those sitting near you.)

Gathering Music arr. Jason Krug
'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

Call to Worship *(responsive)*

Bless the Lord, O my Soul!

Bless the Lord, the God of All!

For God's mercy rises like the morning sun.

Zechariah sang of peace that guides our feet.

We long for that path in our weary world.

Let every heart be still, every soul be open.

For God's peace is drawing near.

Let us worship the God of Peace.

*Hymn 135 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Hyfrydol

Litany at the Advent Wreath *(responsive)*

Last week we lit the candle of Hope.

Today we light the candle of Peace.

Zechariah sang of tender mercy and a dawn from on high.

We long for that dawn still.

We wait and watch for God to make all things right.

Prince of Peace, guide our feet in your way.

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Singing our Response *(projected)*

Gospel for Children (9:30am)

(The children are dismissed for Sunday School. Those parents/guardians returning, are reminded to re-enter by the Route 537 entrance.)

Offering our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory (9:30am) arr. David M. Tripold
Fantasy on Veni Emmanuel

Offertory (11:00am) Ambrose of Milan
Savior of the Nations, Come

*Presentation of the Offering – Doxology (to the tune "What Child is This"/Greensleeves)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

This, this is Christ the King,

whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

*Affirmation of Faith (unison) – Belhar Confession, Article 4:1-7

We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow him in this, for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly; that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading Luke 1:57-80

Sermon *Without Fear* Rev. Gene Ryan

Hymn 170 *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* Carol

Litany of Approach

Sharing in the Sacrament of Communion

Meaning of the Sacrament

Invitation

Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion

(The outer ring of the trays contains grape juice. Hold the elements until all have been served, when we will partake together, symbolizing our unity in Christ)

Prayers of Gratitude to God and on Behalf of Others

*Please stand if you are able

Bold Italic print indicates congregational response

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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.

*Hymn 136..... *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*..... Puer Nobis

*Commissioning and Blessing

*Sending Music.. *Comfort, Comfort Now My People*.... Louis Bourgeois

A Time of Fellowship and Greeting

Go Forth to Serve in the Name of Christ!

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Worship Schedule

Worship Service..... 9:30 a.m.

This worship service is live-streamed via YouTube and Facebook.

Sunday school 9:50 a.m.

Coffee and Fellowship in Fellowship Hall 10:30 a.m.

On the first Sunday of the month, worship will be held at 9:30 and 11:00am.

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