

Christmas at the Chapel

December 28, 2025
Christmastide

Call to Worship — *Psalms 147:12–20*

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

For He strengthens the bars of your gates;

He blesses your children within you.

He makes peace in your borders;

He fills you with the finest of wheat.

He sends out His command to the earth;

His word runs swiftly.

He gives snow like wool; He scatters frost like ashes.

He hurls down His ice crystals like crumbs;

who can stand before His cold?

He sends out His word, and melts them;

He makes His wind blow and the waters flow.

He declares His word to Jacob,

His statutes and rules to Israel.

He has not dealt thus with any other nation;

they do not know His rules.

Praise the LORD!

Hymn 5 — God, My King, Thy Might Confessing

Hymn 230 — Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor

Prayer of Invocation

New Testament Reading — *John 1:1–18* (p. 1053)



CALL TO WORSHIP

God invites
us to know &
worship Him

Confession of Sin — *(adapted from Ambrose of Milan)*

**O Lord, you have mercy upon all—
take away from me my sins,
and kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit.
Take away from me the heart of stone,
and give me a heart of flesh,
a heart to love and adore you,
a heart to delight in you,
to follow and enjoy you,
for Christ's sake. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon — *John 1:12-13*

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Hymn 219 — All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord

Prayer of Intercession

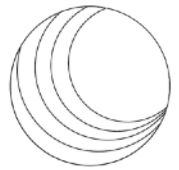
Offering — *Colossians 3:23-24*

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for me, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.



**GOD DEALS
WITH OUR SIN**

God forgives us
& reminds us of His
love for us in Christ



**GOD HEARS
OUR PRAYERS**

God listens to our
prayers & receives
our gifts

Sermon — *Isaiah* 61 (p. 737)

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GOD SPEAKS TO US

God builds us
up & nourishes
us through His Word

Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (p. 845)

The Lord's Supper

Hymn 218 — Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Benediction — 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.
Amen.



GOD SENDS US OUT

God sends us out
into His world as
His ambassadors,
bearing His blessing

Doxology (words at Hymn 731)

Announcements and Duty List

Tonight, 5:00 pm — Christmastide potluck feast in the Fellowship Hall.

Next Sunday — Elder installation & New Years brunch; no evening service.

| Duty | December 28 | January 4 | January 11 | January 18 | January 25 | February 1 |
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| Morning Pianist | Ruth D. | Ruth D. | Karen S. | Bethany H. | Ruth D. | Ruth D. |
| Greeter & Usher | Dickson | Doesburg | Drury | Finkelson | Gibson, D | Hoelle Hans T. |
| Sound Crew | Blaise | Craig | Ethan | Mac | Blaise | Craig |
| Nursery | Alexa O. | Abbey D.P. | Sara M. | Kelsey C. | Ruth S. | Karen M. |
| Nursery Helper | Eva C. | Lucille M. | Elsa W. | Abram M. | Faye T. | Eva C. |
| Snack-Time Hosts | Blok Johnson | Potluck Brunch | Iverson Hilt | Tamminga Miedema | Doesberg Finkleson | Lovegren, J. Perez |
| Eve. Leader | Chris L. | - | Nate L. | John D. | Jesse T. | Nate G. |
| Eve. Pianist | Emily G. | No Evening Service | Jack L. | Emily G. | Ruth D. | Emily G. |
| Eve. Meal Host | Jan and Hosanna L. | - | Joel & Ruth D. | Drury-Perez Family | Open to Volunteers | Austin & Sara |

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Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

*...but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God
predestined before the ages to our glory. 1 Corinthians 2:7*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

E^b A^b E^b B^b

1. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - tery, in the dawn - ing of the King.
2. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - tery, He the per - fect Son of Man.
3. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - tery, Christ the Lord up - on the tree.
4. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - tery, slain by death the God of life.

Cm A^b B^bsus E^b

He, the theme of heav-en's prais - es, robed in frail hu - man - i - ty.
In His liv - ing, in His suf - fering, nev - er trace nor stain of sin.
In the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - tor - y.
But no grave could e'er re - strain Him; praise the Lord; He is a - live!

E^b/G A^b Gm Cm A^b

In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has come!
See the true and bet - ter Ad - am, come to save the hell-bound man.
See the price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold.
What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wav - er - ing our hope.

E^b A^b B^bsus E^b

Look to Christ who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.
Christ, the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law; in Him we stand.
Bring - ing man - y sons to glo - ry, grace un - meas - ured, love un - told.
Christ in pow - er res - ur - rect - ed as we will be when He comes.

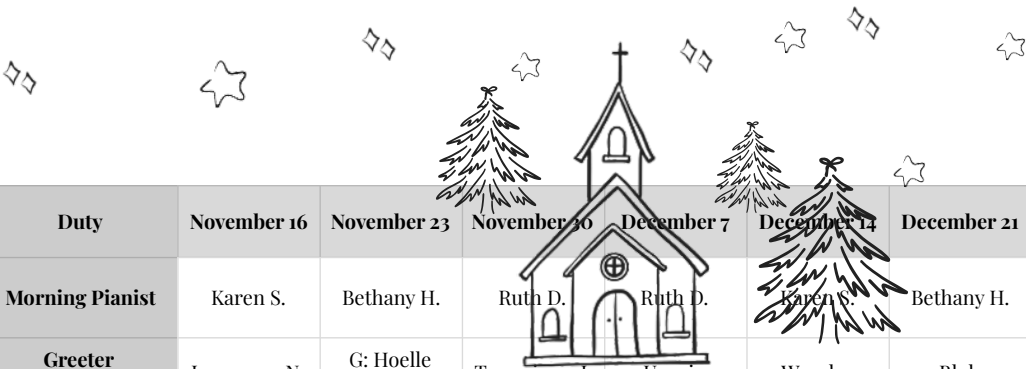
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Wiser Lake Chapel

December 2025
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| Duty | November 16 | November 23 | November 30 | December 7 | December 14 | December 21 |
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| Morning Pianist | Karen S. | Bethany H. | Ruth D. | Ruth D. | Karen S. | Bethany H. |
| Greeter & Usher | Lovegren, N. | G: Hoelle U: Hans T. | Tamminga, J. | Unrein | Wonder | Blok |
| Sound Crew | Ethan | Mac | Blaise | Craig | Ethan | Mac |
| Nursery | Emily G. | Karen M. | Danyale T. | Leslie D. | Hosanna L. | Mili B. |
| Nursery Helper | Eva C. | Christian L. | Lucille M. | Elsa W. | Abram M. | Faye T. |
| Snack-Time Hosts | Lovegren, H. Laniga | Lovelady Dewaard | Matheis, K Dickson | Gibson, E. Gibson, T. | Siebring L. Drury | Siebring, R. Olthuis |
| Eve. Leader | Jesse T. | Nate G. | Austin M. | Dan G. | Caroling Night | Christmas Program |
| Eve. Pianist | Emily G. | Ruth D. | Emily G. | Ruth D. | Emily G. | Ruth D. |
| Eve. Meal Host | Nathan & Kelsey | Thanksgiving Potluck | - | Nick W. | Potluck | Appitizer Potluck |