

Christmas at the Chapel

Advent
December 7, 2025

Call to Worship — *Psalms 136*

*Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
for His steadfast love endures forever.*
*Give thanks to the God of gods,
for His steadfast love endures forever.*
*Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for His steadfast love endures forever—
to Him who alone does great wonders,
for His steadfast love endures forever;
to Him who by understanding made the heavens,
for His steadfast love endures forever;
to Him who spread out the earth above the waters,
for His steadfast love endures forever;
to Him who made the great lights.
for His steadfast love endures forever;
the sun to rule over the day,
for His steadfast love endures forever;
the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for His steadfast love endures forever.*
*It is He who remembered us in our low estate,
for His steadfast love endures forever;
and rescued us from our foes,
for His steadfast love endures forever;
He who gives food to all flesh,
for His steadfast love endures forever.*
*Give thanks to the God of heaven,
for His steadfast love endures forever.*



CALL TO WORSHIP

God invites
us to know &
worship Him

Hymn 196 — Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Songbook 30 — Sing We the Song of Emmanuel
Prayer of Invocation

Old Testament Reading — *Isaiah* 11:1–10 (p. 683)

Confession of Sin (*adapted from George Matheson*)

**O Lord, as long as I am apart from you, I am self-satisfied,
because I have no standard by which to measure myself.
But when I come near to you,
I see myself more clearly.
In your light, I behold my darkness.
In your purity, I behold my corruption.
O, Divine Man! Let me gaze on you more and more
until, in the vision of your brightness, I loathe my impurity;
until in the blaze of your glory, I fall before you,
blinded and broken, to rise again a new creation in you. Amen.**



**GOD DEALS
WITH OUR SIN**

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

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon — 1 *John* 4:7–10

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Songbook 13 — How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Prayer of Intercession

Offering — 1 *John* 5:11

And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.



**GOD HEARS
OUR PRAYERS**

God listens to our
prayers & receives
our gifts

Sermon — *John 3:16-21* (p. 1055)

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GOD SPEAKS TO US

God builds us
up & nourishes
us through His Word

Songbook 14 — God So Loved the World

Confession of Faith — *Heidelberg Catechism, Q 33*

Q. Why is he called God's only-begotten Son, since we also are children of God?

A. Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God. We, however, are children of God by adoption, through grace, for Christ's sake.

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

Announcements and Duty List

Tonight, 5:00 pm — We will sing, pray, study 1 Samuel 6, and share Kung Pao(ish) supper.

December 13, 2:00 pm — Wiser Women's Christmas Party @ Fellowship Hall.

December, 14, 5:00 pm — Carol Service.

December 21, 5:00 pm — Christmas Program.

December 24, 6:00 pm — Christmas Eve Service.

Wednesdays at 1:15 — Sermon on the Mount video Bible study series.

Duty	December 7	December 14	December 21	December 28	January 4	January 11
Morning Pianist	Ruth D.	Karen S.	Bethany H.	Ruth D.	Ruth D.	Karen S.
Greeter & Usher	Unrein	Wonder	Blok	Dickson	Doesburg	Drury
Sound Crew	Craig	Ethan	Mac	Blaise	Craig	Ethan
Nursery	Leslie D.	Hosanna L.	Mili B.	Alexa O.	Abbey D.P.	Sara M.
Nursery Helper	Elsa W.	Abram M.	Faye T.	Eva C.	Lucille M.	Lucille M.
Snack-Time Hosts	Gibson, E. Gibson, T.	Siebring L. Drury	Siebring, R. Olthuis	Blok Johnson	Potluck Brunch	Iverson Hilt
Eve. Leader	Dan G.	Caroling Night	Christmas Program	Chris L.	No Evening Service	Nate L.
Eve. Pianist	Ruth D.	Emily G.	Ruth D.	Emily G.	-	Jack L.
Eve. Meal Host	Nick W.	Potluck	Appetizer Potluck	Jan and Hosanna L.	-	Joel & Ruth D.

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