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December 14, 2025

10:30am Worship

Pastor Shawn Carafa

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Those who are able are welcome to stand.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Luke 1:68-71

Lay Reader, Sarah Norman

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David

People: as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Once In Royal David's City

Hymn No. 286

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of everlasting love, we confess that our love has been small and selective. We have loved those who love us back and avoided those who are difficult or different. We have been quick to anger, slow to forgive. We confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart, nor our neighbors as ourselves. We have allowed fear, pride, and selfishness to choke out the love You call us to show. Forgive us, Lord. Renew our hearts by Your Spirit. Let the love of Christ dwell in us richly, shaping our words, our actions, and our desires. Teach us to love as we have been loved. Come, Lord Jesus, and perfect Your love in us. Amen.

(Please take a moment to silently confess your sins to the Lord)

***PROCLAMATION OF FORGIVENESS** John 3:16

[16] "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (ESV)

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

(A time to share our Thanksgiving and Requests to the Lord and with our Church family)

The Lord's Prayer: *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 glory forever. Amen.*

OFFERTORY

Adeste Fideles

arr. Lloyd Larson
The Joyful Ringers

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Gail and Paul Gronwall; Linda and Laszlo Repay

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

O Thou Joyful O Thou Wonderful

Hymn No. 282

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

“Unexpected Advents – God Arrives in the Quiet”
1 Kings 19:1-18

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***CLOSING HYMN**

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

Hymn No. 251

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Postlude on a Luther Hymn

Gordon Young

***FELLOWSHIP** Please join us downstairs for a time of fellowship.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

Bible Studies 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Women's Ensemble 11:40am

Youth Group 6:30-8pm

MONDAY

AA 7pm, FH

TUESDAY

Women's Bible Study 10am

Youth Handbell Practice 4-5pm

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

Adult Handbell Practice 6:30pm

Men's Bible Study 7pm

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DEACON of the WEEK

Jim Damicone

330-715-7703

CELEBRATIONS

Another Year of Life

Scott Lindner Bev Brown

Another Year of Life Together

None this week

NEWS

Cookies and Carols Please join in raising your voices for our favorite Christmas carols TODAY AT 4pm.

Christmas Eve Service You and your family are cordially invited to join us for our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5pm December 24th, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Join us for an evening of joy and reflection through lessons and carols.

Angel Tree Unwrapped gifts need to be returned to the church by TODAY

2026 Offering Envelopes will be available on the table near the office window. Weekly boxes are available and you may take as many loose envelopes as you might need as monthly boxes were not available this year. There will always be envelopes in the pews for your offerings as well. Thank you for trusting HPC with your contributions for God's work.

SCRIPTURE

Elijah Flees Jezebel

19 Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” ³ Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, “It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers.” ⁵ And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, “Arise and eat.” ⁶ And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷ And the angel of the Lord came again a second time and touched him and said, “Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you.” ⁸ And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

The Lord Speaks to Elijah

⁹ There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰ He said, “I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” ¹¹ And he said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord.” And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. ¹² And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³ And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴ He said, “I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵ And the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶ And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷ And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

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