

Advent 2025:



FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION...

Sunday, December 14, 2025, 10:30 AM

What's Happening in Worship?

Welcome

Hymn 314, vs. 3 *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

Lighting the Joy Candle

We give thanks for the light of Christ,
shining in the lives of all God's people.
With the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah,
we watch and wait for the coming of Christ
who will bring light and peace to all the world.
With John the Baptist, we cry out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord!
Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."
With Mary, the mother of Jesus, we rejoice,
for the Mighty One has done great things for us.
With Matthew, Mark, Luke and John,
we tell the story of Jesus, the child of Bethlehem,
who came to save us, and is coming again in glory.
Let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Hymn 93 *Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates*

Confession, Pardon, and Passing God's Peace

God of Joy, you promise that you are coming again in power and glory to destroy sin entirely and make us fully ready for your rule.

Instead of looking forward to seeing your face, we obsess about the lines and spots on our own faces. Instead of finding joy in serving others, we complain. Instead of enjoying the company of family and friends we focus on digital screens and other distractions.

We are missing out on the joy of expectation,

**the joy of immersing ourselves in you,
the joy of appreciating the many blessings around us.**

Forgive us, Lord.

Help us to re-discover your joy. Amen.

Response 121, vs. 4 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Anthem *And He Shall Purify*—G.F. Handel—Second Sunday Choir

Sermon—Generation to Generation: The Hard But Right Way—Matthew 1:18-24—Rev. Dr. Jeffrey W. Gibelius

Anthem *Hark the Herald, Angels Sing!*—Cathay Mokebust—Second Ringer

Offering

Response *Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love* (Refrain)

Holy the Infant, And holy the mother
And holy and precious the gifts that we bring;
Praise to the Father and praise to the Spirit
And praise to Christ Jesus our King.

Prayers and 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 the glory, forever.

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Hymn *Peace Carol*,—Larson

Let God's peace reign in your heart for evermore!
Let His peace shine forth through you.
God's peace! Wondrous peace!
"Peace on earth," the angels sing.
"Glory to God on earth this holy day!
Glory! Peace one and all."

Blessing

In Our Prayers

GRIEVING:

Deb Brandberg and family, Order of St. Joseph's Sisters in
Wheeling, WV (aunt, Sister Mary Alice McMaster)
The Family of Billy Masland
Tom and Deb Kelly and family (Deb's mother)
Ginny Sweely and Family (husband, Harry)

SECOND FAMILY:

Linda Rose (cancer treatment and stroke)
Jim Richards (cancer treatment)
Lance Percival (planning cancer treatment)
Bill Spruill (surgery recovery)
Barbara Rhoades
Lori Loudon
Jean Spears (knee replacement)

FRIENDS OF OUR SECOND FAMILY:

Diane Rowles (Karen Maust's sister, hospice)
Bob Baker (Jim Wolford's brother-in-law)
Tanya Mijocevic (daughter of Marge Mijocevic, health con-
cerns)
The Aziz Family (their well-being)
Ken DeGroot Jr. (Ken DeGroot's son, Debbie Masland's
brother, cardiac issues)

MILITARY OR GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL SERVING:

Andrew Wylie & family (U.S. State Dept., Stockholm, Swe-
den)
LCDR. John Wylie & family (Navy, U.S. European Command,
Stuttgart, Germany)
Easton Harlacher (Waco Texas, Air Force)
Lindsay Inouye (midshipman at the United States Mer-
chant Marine Academy, Brian Smith's granddaughter)
SSgt Annette Hartman (USAF, San Antonio, TX)
SrA Adam Hartman (USAF, Osan AB, South Korea)
Chase Henry (National Guard)
MAJ Nick Strobel (Charleston AFB, South Carolina)
SSG Sebastian Strobel (Ft. Sam, Houston, Texas)

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