



**A WARM WELCOME TO ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH
ON THIS SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
JANUARY 11, 2026**

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BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

JANUARY 11, 2026

INTRODUCTION

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

PRELUDE

“Baptized in Water”

arr. Raney

Jean Pontious

You may remain seated or stand.

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, [☩] one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C **Amen.**

P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,

C **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

P The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in [☩] Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Baptized in Water”

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top staff uses a treble clef, the middle staff a bass clef, and the bottom staff a bass clef. The music is in common time. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

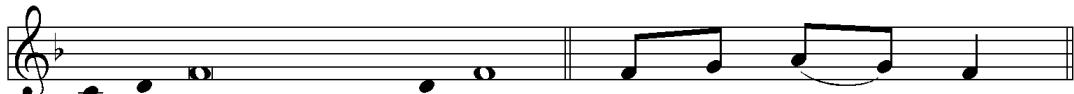
blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

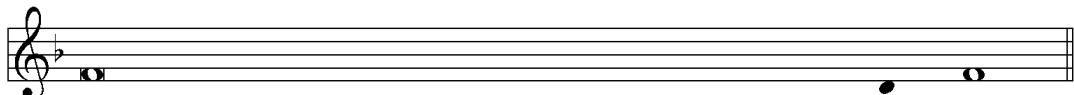
GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.

C **And is also with you.**



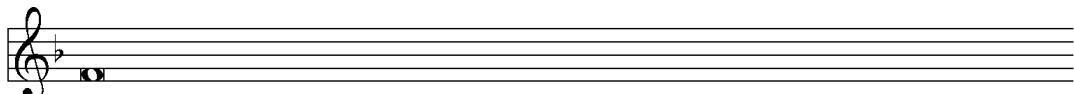
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



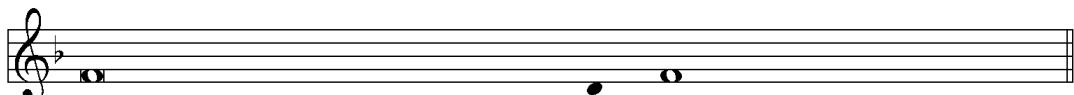
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



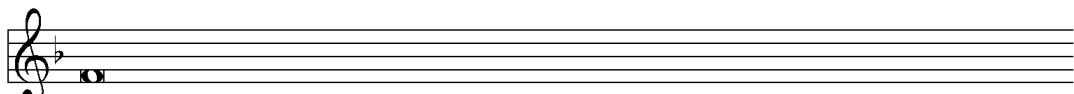
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



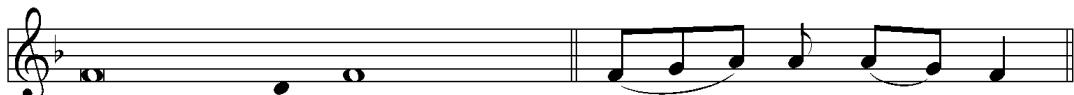
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

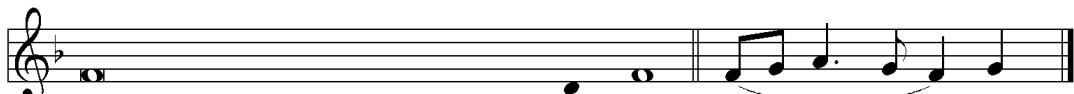


A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE



Ⓐ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.



Ⓑ Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:



We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.



Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.



You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.



For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,



you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,



in the glory of God the Father. Amen

PEACE

- P The peace of Christ is with you always.
C **And is also with you.**

Please take a moment to share the peace

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray together the prayer of the day.
C **O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

WE HEAR THE WORD

The pericopes readings for this week are: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

After the reading:

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29

“To God Be the Glory”

1 To Great God be the glo - ry, great things he has done;
3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,

so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who but yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
pur - er, and high - er, and great - er will be

and our won - der, our life - gate that all may go in.
vic - t'ry, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!



Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,



and give him the glory, great things he has done.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

You may remain seated or stand.

ALLELUIA VERSE

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 3rd chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

PASTOR DAVID HINKELMAN

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:30 AM

”WADE IN THE LIVING WATER” by Fair & Barrett

ADULT CHOIR

11:00 AM

”TO GOD BE THE GLORY”

arr. Raney

JEAN PONTIOUS

Offering is taken and the offering plates will be passed. You may put your donation in one of the pew envelopes and put in the offering plates, or use the “Online Donator” card, found in the pew rack. You can also support Advent’s Ministries by using this QR code:



You may remain seated or stand

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
 cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the
 seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u-nite them with the
 prayers we of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your
 pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

APOSTLES' CREED

A Christians, what do we believe?

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence

A Steadfast God, give courage to your servant church. Heal our divisions and unite us in mission. Uphold our lay leaders, missionaries, pastors, and our bishops Suzanne and national Bishop Rev. Yehiel Curry, and all who proclaim hope in a broken world. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Restoring God, cleanse the life-giving waters of rivers, seas, and springs. Create in us an urgent desire to preserve the beauty and bounty of your good creation. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

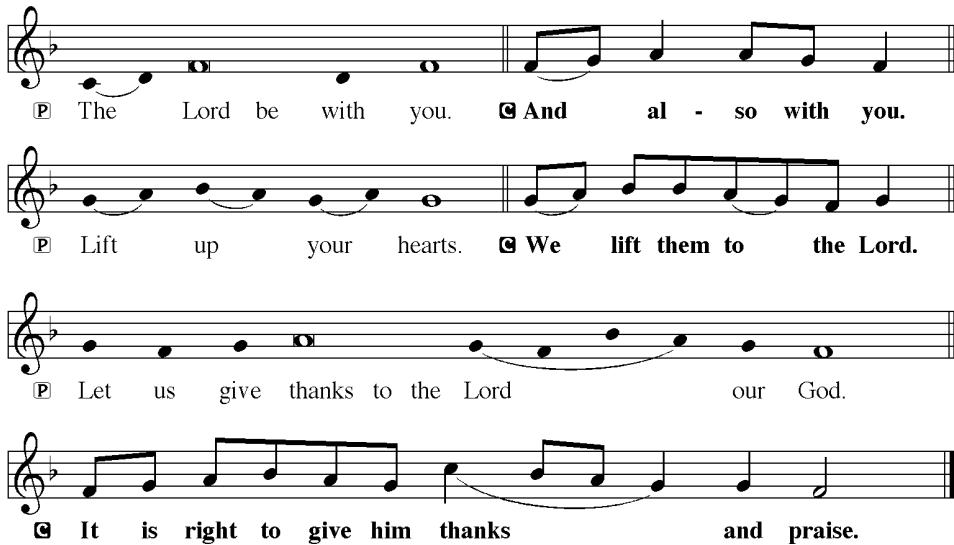
A Righteous God, you guide the nations. Reconcile warring enemies and end cycles of violent retribution. Defend the rights of prisoners, detainees, and all who flee from persecution. Sustain international aid workers and peacemakers. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Compassionate God, you care for all in distress. Provide safety and support for those seeking asylum or in need of shelter. Be near to the dying, and comfort all who are grieving or ill. We take a moment now to pray for those in need of healing; family members, friends, co-workers, casual acquaintances and those we know by name, either out loud, or silently in our hearts (**pause**). Merciful God,

- C receive our prayer.**
- A God of peace, lead us in work for justice and care for the common good. May we meet the Christ-child we seek in the faces of our neighbors. Remake implements of war to sow peace. We lift up Tanzania, Sudan, Ukraine, Gaza, Venezuela, bless them with peace and safety. Guide the leaders of Israel and Russia in the way of peace, quell their violent ways. Be with all who are living in the valley of death. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.**
- A Loving God, awaken the gifts of the Spirit in this congregation, that we may serve Christ by loving one another, our neighbors, and our enemies. We pray for travelers and those who are homebound. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.**
- A God of today and tomorrow, grant us and our call committee wisdom, patience, freedom from anxiety, and reassurance as we await your Spirit's voice and revelation concerning a new leader who will walk with us. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.**
- A Promising God, in baptism we die and rise with Christ. We give thanks for those who have gone before us, and we trust that we will join them in your everlasting peace. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.**
- A Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.
- C Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



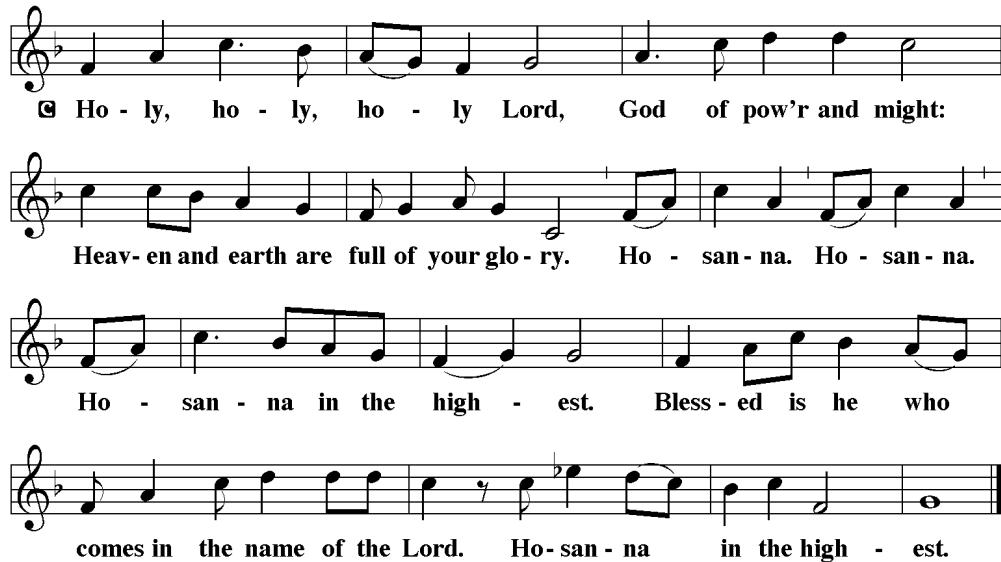
P The Lord be with you. C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.... And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav- en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

A Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

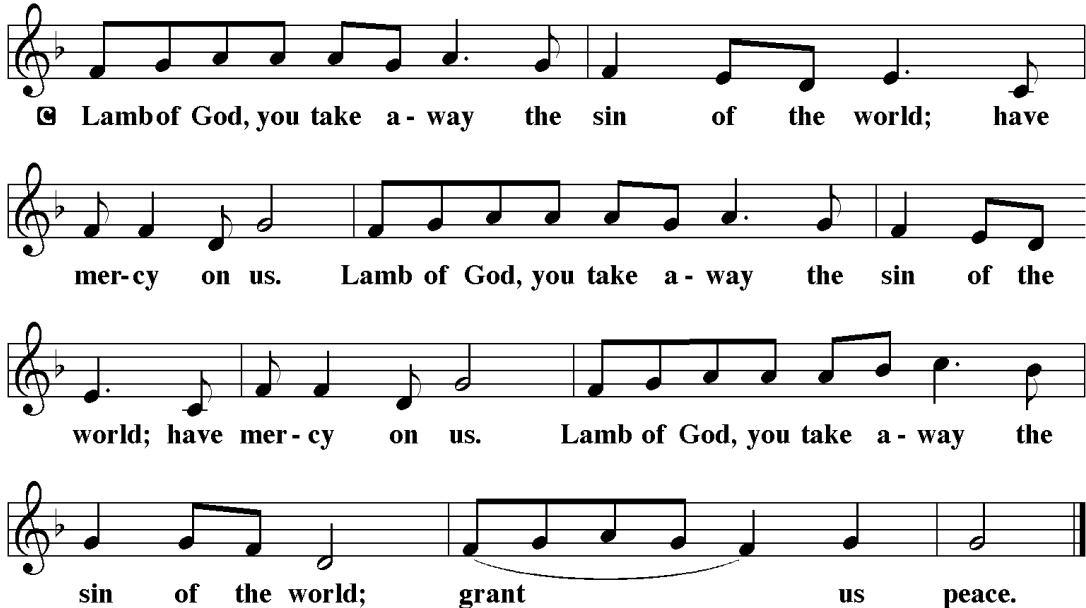
DISTRIBUTION

This communion bread is free from: Gluten, Dairy, Nuts, Egg and Yeast.

Grape juice is available by request at the chancel rail.

Please place your empty communion cup in the baskets
provided on the first row of chairs.

**If you would like to receive communion at your seat,
please let an usher know.**



Music notation for a hymn tune, likely "Lamb of God". The lyrics are as follows:

C Lam of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

POST COMMUNION

P And now may the body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and His most holy and precious blood, strengthen you and preserve you and keep you to true faith unto life everlasting. May we depart in peace and may the Lord be with you.

C Amen

PRAYER

A Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

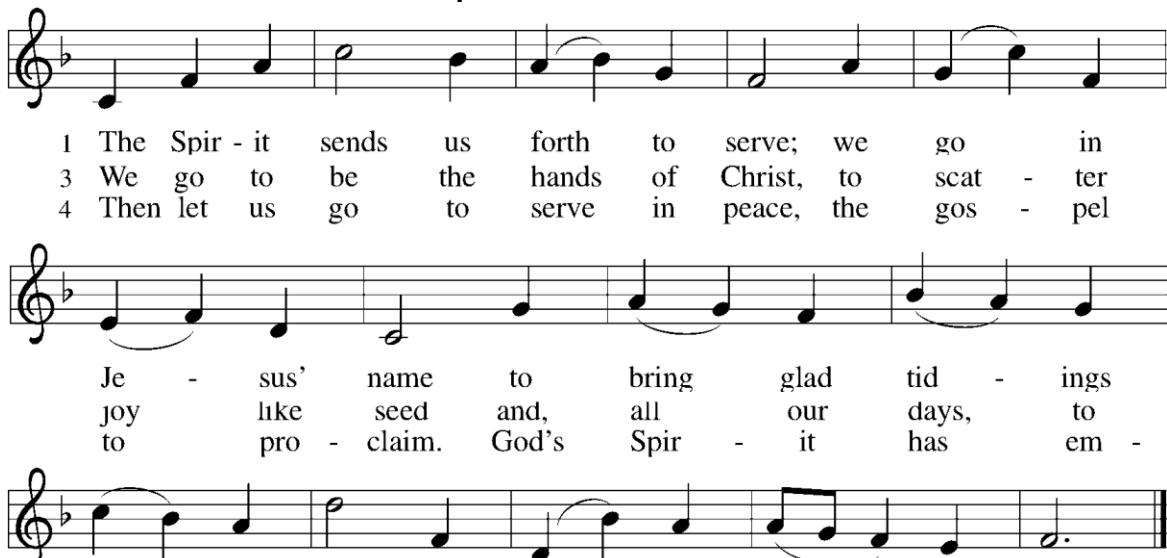
WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

P May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise  bless you now and forever.

SENDING HYMN

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth”



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je sus', name.

DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Worship God, Follow Jesus, Serve Others, and Make Disciples.
C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
ACOLYTE		HADLEY SAMUEL
ASSISTING MINISTER	BETH PITTMAN	JENNIFER PARKER
PASTOR	INTERIM PASTOR DAVID HINKELMAN	



*The Altar Flowers are given in memory of Jean Pontious' mother,
Margaret Marks.*

Please check the 2026 Altar Flower Chart located above the usher stand to order flowers in honor of someone special or celebrating special occasions. Price is \$25.00 per vase.

This Week at Advent

Mon Jan 12	Worship & Witness team meeting	6:00pm
	Administration Team meeting	6:30pm
Tue Jan 13	Building Use – Singing Buckeyes	6:00pm
Wed Jan 14	Worship at The Estates	2:00pm
	Building Use	5:00pm
	Wednesday Night Zoom worship	7:00pm
Thur Jan 15	Mutual Ministry Team meeting	10:30am
	Adult Choir rehearsal	7:30pm

Looking Ahead:

Fri Feb 13-Sat Feb 14, 2026	Fun in Faith Retreat, Grades 2-5	Hopewood Pines
Wed Feb 18, 2026	Ash Wednesday service	7:00 pm
Weds in Lent	Soup Suppers & Worship Service	6:30pm/7:15pm
Thur April 2, 2026	Maundy Thursday Worship Services	12Noon & 7:00pm
Fri April 3, 2026	Good Friday Worship Services	12Noon & 7:00pm
Sun April 5, 2026	Easter Sunday! Worship	8:30 am & 11:00 am
Sun May 3, 2026	Advent's 60 th Anniversary Celebration!	

Commemorations This Week:

Thur Jan 15: Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr, died 1968

An American prophet of justice among races and nations, King was an eloquent preacher, a leader of the nonviolent resistance to race-segregated society, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Born on this date, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

Sat Jan 17:

Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church, died around 356

One of the earliest of the Egyptian desert fathers, Antony gave away his sizeable inheritance and became a hermit. Later he became leader of a group of monks who devoted themselves to prayer, worship, and labor.

Pachomius, renewer of the church, died 346

Born in Egypt, Pachomius became a Christian while a soldier. He became a hermit (a solitary monk) and organized others into a religious community. His rule for monasteries influenced later ones in both the Eastern and Western churches.