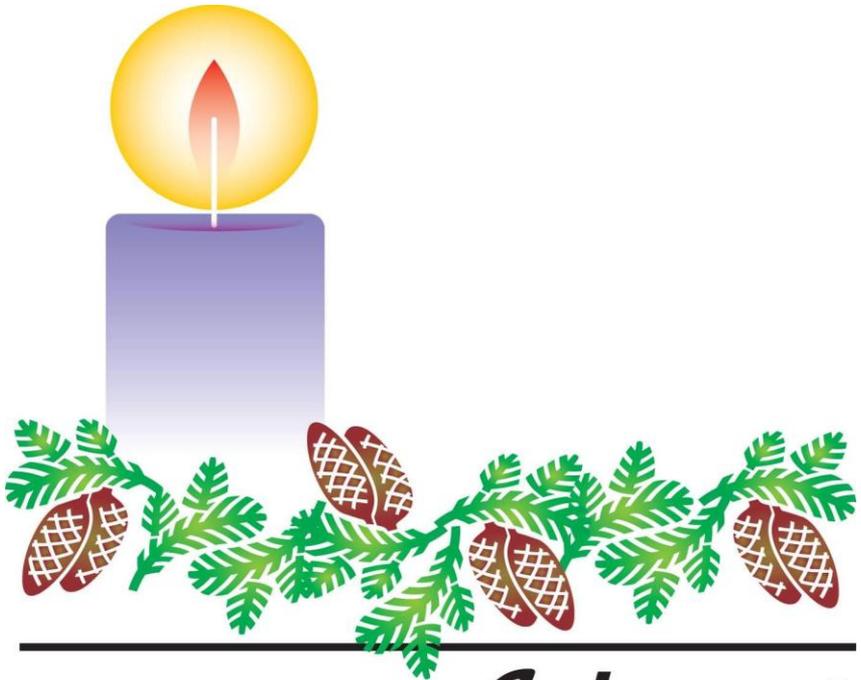


# November 30, 2025



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FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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**Christ's Lutheran Church**

700 East Pennsylvania Avenue  
Oreland, Pennsylvania

*Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
connects individuals to God, each other, and the community.*

## Welcome to Worship at Christ's Lutheran Church!

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

#### Prelude

#### Welcome and Announcements

*Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.*

#### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose home is heaven and earth,  
whose salvation is sure.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Long-expected God,

**we confess that we look to ourselves  
for the peace and security only you can provide.  
We reach for swords and spears,  
reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war.  
We become impatient while waiting  
and weary of keeping awake.  
Free us from self-reliance,  
and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors.**

**Increase our trust in God's timing,  
and awaken us to your advent among us,  
that we may abound in the hope you have promised.  
Amen.**

God judges us not as we deserve,  
but according to God's own righteousness.

✠ You are freed and forgiven,  
saved by grace,  
and ready to welcome the Savior.

**Amen.**

*Today's Music: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" is a medieval hymn whose origins trace back to the 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> century. It was part of monastic "O Antiphons" chanted in the days leading up to Christmas. We sing 12<sup>th</sup> century text translated into English and set to the 15<sup>th</sup> century French funeral procession hymn, "Veni Emmanuel."*

*During Advent and Christmas, we at times use the Zimbelstern on our organ meaning "cymbal star" in German. It is considered a "toy" organ stop consisting of a metal wheel on which several small bells are mounted. On our instrument, the sound is created digitally.*

# Gathering Song

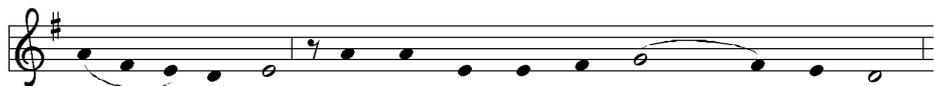
## Verses 1 and 2

# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

## ELW # 257



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
far and night: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Text: *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite

Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.

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## Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise  
Verses 1 and 4

The King Shall Come  
ELW # 260



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.  
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.  
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859–1925  
Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

**Prayer of the Day**

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# Lighting of the Advent Wreath

## (The Affleck Family)

As we light this candle, we join the prophets in proclaiming the coming of the Messiah. Like them, we believe and share the good news of Jesus our Lord. We pray for the courage to speak out, loud and clear like John the Baptist, who called us to prepare the way of the Lord. May we all be prophets, with God's message of grace and love. Amen.

*Candle is lit.*

### Angels We Have Heard on High

#### (Gloria Refrain)

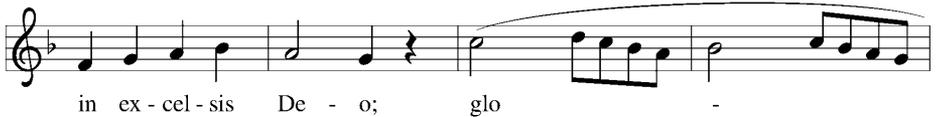
ELW # 289



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864  
Music: GLORIA, French carol

## THE WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from Isaiah, chapter 2.

<sup>1</sup> The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> In days to come  
the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup> Many peoples shall come and say,  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;  
neither shall they learn war any more.

<sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 122

## ELW # 262 | Wait for the Lord

*The congregation will sing the following response:*



Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.



Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Text: Taizé Community

Music: WAIT FOR THE LORD, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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- 1 I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
- 2 Now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city  
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.

**Response**

- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment,  
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
“May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls  
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For the sake of my kindred and companions,  
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God,  
I will seek to do you good.”

**Response**

A reading from Romans, chapter 13.

<sup>11</sup> Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup> the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup> let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**Gospel Acclamation  
(Sing Twice)**

**Halle, Halle, Hallelujah  
ELW # 172**

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
 - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
 lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples, <sup>36</sup>“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. <sup>42</sup> Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Children’s Message**

**Becca Shelor**

**A Moment of Prayer**

**Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**

**ELW # 752**



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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*Please stand in body or spirit.*

Hymn of the Day

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

ELW # 435



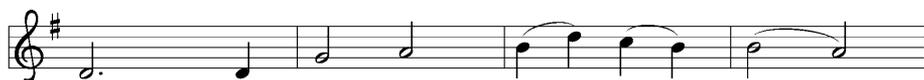
1 Lo! he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
 2 Now re - demp - tion, long - ex - pect - ed,  
 3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for our sal - va - tion slain;  
 comes in sol - emn splen - dor near;  
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
 all the this world re - ject - ed  
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



join to sing the glad re - frain:  
 thrill the trum - pet sound to hear:  
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!  
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
 Music: HELMSLEY, Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799

## **Apostles' Creed**

Let us confess our common faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

*Please kneel or sit as you are able for the prayers.*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of the people, we come seeking wisdom and instruction. Uphold and strengthen lay leaders, teachers, deacons, pastors and bishops. Teach us your ways and lead us in your paths. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of the earth, we seek your goodness in the grandeur of creation. Empower us to care for forests and oceans, as we see you in the world around us. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, grant wisdom to leaders, judges and mediators. Cast out words of hate and transform them into words for building up community. Remake implements of war to sow peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of healing, bring comfort and strength. We pray for our kindred and companions who are ill or despairing. We pray especially for Rachael, Pam, Roseann, Joanne, Ken, Marlene, Marge, Eleanor, John, Sam, Charles, Grace, Fred, and the Engle Family. Surround all with care and consolation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of new possibilities, when addiction wounds, jealousy tears down, and relationships fray, show us how to journey with one another. Nurture therapists, counselors, and sponsors in their care for others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of all time, build up our lives that we would reflect your grace. At the last, bring us with all the saints to your holy city where peace and goodness make a home. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.  
**Amen.**

### **Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*You are invited to share God's peace with those around you  
and to greet those who are worshipping online.*

*Please be seated.*

Flute: Carol Copeland

*"Great anticipation, longing for the time,  
Hope will dwell within us while touching the divine.  
Eager expectation, prophecy retold,  
peace will reign among us, we this promise hold.*

*Please stand.*
**Offertory Hymn**  
**(Verse 3)**
**What Child is This**  
**ELW # 296**


- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
- 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
- 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

## Offering Prayer

Our God is a generous God,  
**providing manna in the wilderness.**

Our God is a steadfast God,  
**with us even unto the end of the age.**

Our God is a God of newness and calling,  
**inviting us to honor new visions and embrace new dreams.**

Israel was fed with manna from heaven.  
Elijah was sustained by bread and meat brought by ravens.  
The disciples traveled with a common purse,  
sharing their gifts with one another.

Christ invited those gathered at the Feast of the Five Thousand  
to witness a generosity beyond what they could imagine.  
The ancient church shared all things in common,  
believing that the call to communal spiritual growth  
is also a call to give back to God what God has given us.  
In keeping with this history and heritage, trusting that God provides us  
with everything we need to do, what we are called to do, and be who  
we are called to be, we gather our offering - the first fruits of our labor.  
We commend them to God, the source of our blessings and hope.

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Generous God, you invite us to live generous lives,  
trusting that you have given us to each other to work together:  
**We are better together.**

In service to our neighbor, in love for all creation,  
and in proclamation of your good news for all:  
**We are better together.**

Bless these gifts we've gathered,  
give us generous hearts,  
honest commitment to the call you've placed before us,  
and sincere trust that we can rely on your grace and sufficiency  
as we continue to serve you and your people. **Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

May God who comes among us,  
Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness,  
and good news to share today and always.

**Amen.**

# The Sending Song

# Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers ELW # 244



- 1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
- 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
- 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
- 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.  
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.  
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.  
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.  
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.  
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.  
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907  
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Keep awake.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Your Prayers Are Invited

*We hope you will add the following people to your personal prayers. Those who are listed longer than 6 weeks can be found on the long term prayer list through the link in the weekly e-news or the monthly Link newsletters. To add a name to the prayer list or provide an update, please contact the office.*

John A. (friend of Mike Messer)  
Marlene Foody  
Grace Griffin (daughter-in-law of Glenn & Robin Griffin)  
Ken Hartman (friend of Wes Craig)  
Marge Holmes  
Fred Orrik (Becca Shelor's grandfather)  
Charles Piantieri (husband of Diane Piantieri)  
Rachael Rinders (friend of the Kaegler Family)  
Eleanor Rothenheber  
Pam Schilling (friend of the Kelly Family)  
Sam Weiss (friend of Ross & Sue Frantz)  
Joanne Wendte (sister-in-law of Lynnmarie Harkins)

***We remember in prayer*** the family and friends of Clyde Engle who died on November 25. May his loved ones be comforted by the promise and hope of the resurrection.

*The flowers on the altar today  
are dedicated to the Glory of God  
by Linda and Rick Daniels!*

### Online Giving

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Upcoming Altar Guild: December 7 Consy Finney

**This Week at CLC!**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Advent Wreath Event (PH)
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Worship at CLC and online
<b>Monday</b>	9:30 am	Monday Morning Men
	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	PBJ Collection (chapel)
	7:30 pm	BS Troop 1 (PH)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 am – 10:45 am	PBJ Collection (chapel)
	6:00 pm	Bears II (200)
	6:00 pm	Wolf Cubs (203/204)
	7:30 pm	Pack 88 Committee Meeting (203/204)
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study (200)
	6:00 pm	Bear Cubs (203/204)
	7:00 pm	AA (PH)
	7:00 pm	Trivia Night (Tannery Run)
<b>Friday</b>		Breakfast with Santa Set Up (PH)
	8:00 pm	AA (200)
<b>Saturday</b>	8:30 am – noon	Breakfast with Santa (PH)
	7:00 pm	Pack 88 Holiday Party (PH)

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# Advent Calendar 2025

Nov. 30

9 am DIY Live Advent Wreath  
10:30 am Advent 1 Worship

Dec. 6

8am-12  
Breakfast  
with Santa

Dec. 7

10:30 am  
Advent 2  
Worship

Dec. 12

4-7 pm  
Advent  
Prayer  
Center

Dec. 13

4-7 pm  
Advent  
Prayer  
Center

Dec. 14

10:30 am Advent 3 Worship  
with full-Choir Lessons and Carols! Bring your friends!  
4-7 pm Advent Prayer Center

Dec. 18

7 pm  
Caroling  
(Indoors!)

Dec. 21

9 am Pageant Rehearsal with  
costumes  
10:30 am Advent 4 Worship



Dec. 24

4 pm Family Christmas Eve  
Service with Pageant  
8 pm Candlelight Christmas  
Eve Service