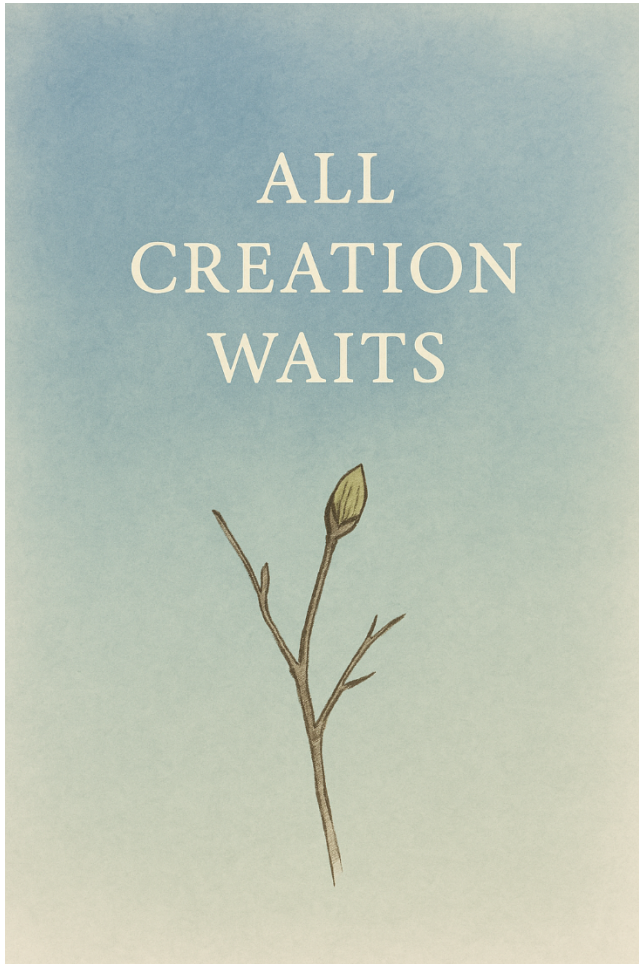


Sunday, December 7, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent



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INTRODUCTION

Light begins before the dawn. Hope grows quietly, faithfully, almost unseen — yet it grows all the same. These original songs were written from that stillness, from the deep truth that God is present in the waiting.

All songs written by Rick Steuart except where otherwise noted.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please sit

Light is Coming

Choir, Mylon Shamble - Lead

Isaiah 64:5–9

“You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.”

Awaiting The Light

Paul Graves, Soloist

A Sign

Choir

Isaiah 40:1-5

“Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

Choir & Congregation

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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

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Is - ra - el That ourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un -
far _____ and nigh. In strength and beau - ty come and stay, teach
Si - nai's height. In an - cient times you gave the law in
tyr - an - ny. From depths of Hell your peo - ple save, and

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

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man - u - el shall come to you O Is - ra - el _____

Love Is Coming, Hope Conceived

Mylon Shamble, Soloist

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

The gifts we use and share matter! Thank you for sharing your gifts for the sake of the world. Ushers will come by to collect today's offering, or you can use the green Give button on our church's website to support our mission of nurturing lives for following Christ.

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

“The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.”

Something Holy Grows

Jeff Ottmann, Soloist

Isaiah 64:1-4

“O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.”

All Creation Waits

Sharon Owens, Soloist

The Word Will Come

Choir

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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:

HOLY HOLY HOLY

**Holy, holy, holy
God of strength and endless grace
Every heart and every voice
Lifts Your name in this place**

**Hosanna in the highest
We welcome You with praise
Blessed is the One who brings us hope
We stand in awe, amazed**

**You are here among us now
Your glory fills this room**

**We honor You, we worship You,
Our lives belong to You.**

**Hosanna in the highest
We welcome You with praise
Blessed is the One who brings us hope
We stand in awe, amazed**

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please sit

LAMB OF GOD

**Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world.
Grant us peace, grant us peace.**

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, when your Son Jesus gathered a crowd and blessed the loaves and fish, all ate and were filled. And still there was more. In your love and care, extend this meal to all who will come after to receive it. Give us all the comfort of your abiding presence and the courage to be the body of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.**

Please stand

SENDING HYMN

Soon and Very Soon

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**Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Hallelujah hallelujah
We're going to see the King**

**No more crying there
We are going to see the King
No more crying there
We are going to see the King
No more crying there
We are going to see the King
Hallelujah hallelujah
We're going to see the King**

**No more dying there
We are going to see the King
No more dying there
We are going to see the King
No more dying there
We are going to see the King
Hallelujah hallelujah
We're going to see the King**

**Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Hallelujah hallelujah
We're going to see the King**

**Hallelujah
Hallelujah
Hallelujah**

Andraé Crouch

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It's time to order poinsettias if you would like to order any to have them in the church for Christmas Eve. Order will be taken up until Monday, December 15, 2025. The cost is \$10.00 each. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, along with payment envelopes.



The Angel Tree is in the narthex with gift requests for Mildred Helms School. To give a gift take a tag with gift information from the tree and please return your tag with your unwrapped gift. If you have questions please contact Marilou Nemeth at 727-546-9580 (Home), 727-242-1304 Cell). **The final date for gift collection is next Sunday December 14, 2025.**



Thank you to Jan and Bill Bogaard for sponsoring December Messy Church on Sunday, December 21st. If you are interested in sponsoring Messy Church please contact Patti Nickol at nickolpatti@gmail.com or 727.798.0417. The next Messy Church is Messy Manger based on the Bible verse Luke 2:1-20.

Monthly Financial Summary

	Monthly: November 2025			YTD: January - November 2025		
	Total	Church	Little Lambs	Total	Church	Little Lambs
Budgeted Expenses	\$85,941	\$28,699	\$57,242	\$956,555	\$326,893	\$629,661
Actual Expenses	\$77,280	\$26,041	\$51,238	\$909,752	\$302,490	\$607,262
Budgeted Giving / Income	\$71,638	\$15,388	\$56,250	\$789,013	\$170,263	\$618,750
Actual Giving / Income	\$74,197	\$13,075	\$61,123	\$843,523	\$162,087	\$681,436
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$3,082)	(\$12,967)	\$9,885	(\$66,229)	(\$140,404)	\$74,174
Annual Deficit will be funded from the			Balances as of November 30, 2025			
Good Shepherd Bank Reserves			Bank Reserves			\$248,184

