

## Announcements



**5:00 Service Designed with Young Children in Mind**

**6:30 Traditional Worship Service**

**Sunday, Dec 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Jenny Schmitt**

**Sunday, Jan 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Rev Elaine Harding**

With just a few days remaining in 2025, we have our November totals to give you. Our income to Nov.30th. 2025, was \$135,147.00 while our expenses were \$164,250.13 leaving us with a deficit of \$29,103.13 Our offering gifts received during the month of December last year (2024) was \$38,103.00 which included some special financial gifts made during December, as well as our "pledged" gifts of \$15,980.00 from our gift tree event. We know achieving a balanced budget will be more of a challenge this year, but we also know you are committed to helping us do that, in support of our church. At this particular time of year, we would also like to remember those people special to us, whose names were written on the small wooden stars hanging on our gift tree. We would like to encourage you to take a few moments to enjoy them. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and our best wishes for 2026.

~ F&P Committee

An offering plate can be found on a small table in the center aisle. By receiving peoples' gifts each week, worshipers are given an opportunity to contribute to the ministry that Christ does in and through our church family. During the Stewardship Moment of the service, these gifts will be brought forward and dedicated to this purpose.



### **Mission Moment**

Pakistan is listed among the world's worst-performing countries in education indicators. Poverty, child labour, gender discrimination and harmful norms within a highly patriarchal society impede equal access to education, particularly for girls. In response, PWS&D is implementing a school feeding project with its partner in Pakistan to encourage girls' school attendance in marginalized communities in Umerkot. Meena, a participant in the program, shares that receiving a goat as part of the School Feeding Project has become about much more than just an animal—it is a symbol of her family's commitment to education and community well-being. "Providing milk to the school is my responsibility, and I take pride in doing it because I know it benefits not just my daughter but all the children in our village. Their health and future matter to me," she shares.

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~ Fourth Sunday of Advent ~

December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

## Our Approach to God

Prelude: Christmas Time is Here - Willem Morash

Call to Worship:

The people who walk in darkness wait for a great light.  
**We come, longing for God's light to dawn among us.**

In the midst of fear and uncertainty, a promise is spoken.  
**We listen for the word of hope that still breaks into the world.**

A child is promised, a sign of God's reign drawing near.  
**We prepare our hearts to receive the gift of Christ.**

Justice and peace will have the final word.  
**We wait in hope, and we worship with trust and expectation. Amen.**

Hymn #166 Once in royal David's city

Advent Litany & Candle Lighting

Hymn #119 Hope is a Star (verse 4)

Assurance of God's Love

Welcome & Announcements

Solo: "Silent Night" (Bridget Morash)

Children's Time & Hymn #149 Away in a Manger

## Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

The Word of God in Scripture. The Word of God among us.  
The Word of God within us.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Ministry of Music: "Child of Hope, Child of Peace" (Lloyd Larson)  
- Choir with youth duo Bridget & Willem Morash

Presentation

Hymn #114 Emmanuel, Emmanuel

## Our Response to God's Word

Stewardship Moment

Reflection / Doxology & The Presentation of Gifts / Prayer

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures high & low  
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.**

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn #139 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Benediction & Dismissal: **Love is Shining**

Postlude: Joyous Proclamation (with Hark! the Herald Angels Sing)  
- Susan Caudill

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As you prepare for this morning's service to begin, you are invited to reflect on the following...



"Who can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world. The perfect gift is that He gave His only Son."  
~ Corrie Ten Boom

When you hear the Christmas story, where do you most clearly see God's love made visible?

How does the birth of Jesus reshape your understanding of what love looks like in the real world?

## **Things to pray for this week...**

We pray that the love we know in Christ will nourish and nurture our love until we conform to the pattern of Christ's life.

We pray for members of the Atlantic Mission Society and their congregations. May they experience the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love that the Saviour offers to all in this time of spiritual reflection.

We give thanks for the gift of friendship, the joy of gathering together, and the laughter shared with loved ones.

We pray that our lives may echo the refrain of the angels, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will to all people."



**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 9:2-7 (NIV)

<sup>2</sup>The people walking in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness  
a light has dawned.

<sup>3</sup>You have enlarged the nation  
and increased their joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as people rejoice at the harvest,  
as warriors rejoice  
when dividing the plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For as in the day of Midian's defeat,  
you have shattered  
the yoke that burdens them,  
the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor.

<sup>5</sup>Every warrior's boot used in battle  
and every garment rolled in blood  
will be destined for burning,  
will be fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>Of the greatness of his government and peace  
there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne  
and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it  
with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the Lord Almighty  
will accomplish this.