

11:00 am Worship

December 21, 2025

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Call to Worship (Hymn #387) "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"
Greeting/Announcements/Scripture Reader: Les Powell
Prelude: (arr: Mac Huff) "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Don and Dargan Cherry

*Salutation and Call to Worship: Luke 1:46

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior

With Mary, our spirits rejoice, and we sing God's praise.

Let us honor God together with our worship this morning.

*Hymn: "When God Is a Child" Hymn# 165

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession:

O Lord, we come before You humbly, acknowledging You are the Creator of heaven and earth. Father, as we strive to follow You, we stumble and fall like small children. We follow our own will and desires, rather than Your perfect and holy path. Please Lord, guide me along the paths of righteousness for Your name sake, and give us the faith to follow wherever You lead. In the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

*Silent Confession of Sin

*Assurance of Pardon: Romans 3:22-24

²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

In the name of the risen Christ, we are forgiven!

*The Gloria Patri
Walks with Jesus
First Scripture:

Hymnal # 734
Les Powell
Pew Bible #1090
Romans 1:1-7

Prayers of the People (see list below)

Choral Call to Prayer "O How He Loves You and Me" Choir
The Lord's Prayer Hymnal - Inside Front Cover

*Hymn: Emmanuel Hymns # 177 & 178
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology Hymn #34

*Prayer
Anthem: (words by Phil Wickham) "O Christmas Tree" Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25 Pew Bible #933
Sermon: "Love Never Fails" Rev. John McCarthy
Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Apostles' Creed Hymnal – Inside Front Cover
*Hymn: "Still, Still, Still" Hymn #214
*Charge and Blessing
* Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Paul & Reinhold Sydnor, IAFR, France
Prayers continue: Kim & Jim Albert
- Full Prayer list listed in monthly newsletter – copies available at each entrance

We welcome our visitors and ask them to fill out a blue visitor card located in the pew rack. We invite you to commit your life to the Lord Jesus Christ in Christian discipleship and become a member of this fellowship. You may do this by meeting with the Session to express your faith in Christ in one of the following ways: Profession of Faith, Transfer of Membership or Reaffirmation of Faith.

Listening devices are available from the audio support person at the rear of the sanctuary.

Prayer Cards are available in each pew. If you would like a card sent to someone we pray for during the service, please fill out the card and place it in the offering plate. Our prayer card ministry team will send a card the following week.

Flowers – Virtual Poinsettia orders are now available. Enjoy the beauty of the Season.

Ushers – Serving today Paige Powell at the North Door and Sue Wilkins at the South Door. Acolyte today is Matthew Fraser Freshour. Audio is Don Cherry.

This Week's Announcements

5 Cents a meal Collection – Today, mark donations accordingly.

Joy Gift – During the cantata, we collected \$94 to send to the Presbytery for their Joy Gift program. Thank you!

Virtual Poinsettias – see insert to order your virtual poinsettia to honor and remember those special loved ones. Price remains \$25 each. Last week to turn them in. So far we have collected \$450. Thank you all!

Women's Bible Study – Next class Wednesday, January 7th at 10:30 am

Good Samaritan – December Collection is: Christmas meal items

Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – this Thursday, December 24 at 5pm. Plan to attend our Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. This is always a special way to bring in the holiday, and remember Christ is the reason for the season! Without Christ there is no Christmas.

Stewardship – Stewardship season is here! Please pray and ask for God's help to know how best to help support the church for the 2026 year and forward. Please return pledge envelopes as soon as possible. So far we have received 56% of our 2026 budget for a total of \$97,300.

Communion – Next observance will be Sunday, January 11, 2026.

2026 Offering Envelopes - Now available. Get your favorite number early, while they are still available.

2026 Flower Calendar – the new 2026 Flower Calendar is up and available to sign up for your favorite dates.

Upper Room – January/February issue now available.



Calendar

Sunday, December 21	9:45 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship 11:00 am – Worship
Wednesday, December 24	12:00 noon - AA 6:00 pm - Choir 6:00 pm – NA
Thursday, December 25	Christmas Day – Office Closed
Friday, December 26	Office Closed 12 noon – AA

Church Staff

Rev. John McCarthy - Pastor
Sherolyn Barnett, Office Manager
Jim Luedtke, Church Musician
Sue Wilkins, Church Treasurer

Session

Rev. John McCarthy – Moderator
Don Cherry – Clerk of Session

Class of 2025
Robert Guthrie
Mike Rand

Class of 2026
Kim Albert
Les Powell

Class of 2027
Don Cherry
Joni Owens
Colter Wickemeyer

Diaconate
Sterling Roberts – Chair

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Sterling Byrd-Roberts
Carol Foster
Robin Hall

Class of 2026
Sandi Hughes
Kim Wickemeyer
Joanna Hughes

Class of 2027

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Terri Smith

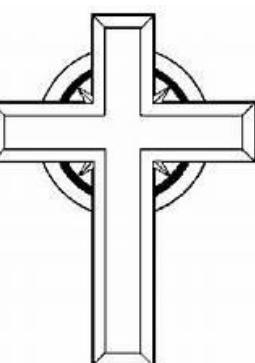
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(2025)
Eric Roberts

(2026)
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Our Missionaries

Matthew & Teresa Lee, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Cameroon
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Mission Statement

"Growing God's Presence"

Foundational Principles

Christ Centered~Biblically Based~
Spirit Led~Grounded in Faith and Love

Values

Committed~Servant Heart~
Nurturing~Welcoming~Visioning

No nursery will be provided at this time.
Children's Church (Jesus Squad) meets during Sunday School time
5 cents-a-meal Offering collected the third Sunday of each month.
Worship every Sunday at 11:00 am; Sunday School is at 9:30 am.
Fellowship at 10:15 am. **Internet: 1stPres: Romans3:24**

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