

Kari Novilla, Principal Harpist of the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, is our guest musician today. Kari is an internationally recognized multi-genre artist, striving to promote inclusivity and diversity throughout all facets of her musical career. She earned her Bachelor of Music in Harp Performance from Indiana University (2021), graduating with the highest academic honors as a Barbara and David Jacobs Scholar. Kari completed her Masters of Music in Harp Performance with Distinction and LRAM at the Royal Academy of Music in London, England. As a dual major in both classical and jazz, she is a busy performer in both genres in the United States and the United Kingdom.

Amara Campanini, Herring Choral Scholar, is the soloist today.



This Sanctuary is equipped with Hearing Loop. If you have a hearing aid equipped with a T-coil and switch to it, you will hear audio directly from our sound system.

The Advent candle liturgy is adapted from a piece written by Rev. Will Ryan posted on liturgylink.net. The invitation to share litany is adapted from Feasting on the Word® Worship Companion, ©2013 Westminster John Knox Press. Music selections today include: “In Duce Jubilo” arranged by Harriet Adie; “Advent Candle Song” by Sally Ahner, ©1992, 2003 Abingdon Press; “God Be with You Here” by Kyle D. Matthews, ©2020 Catalytic Songs; “Joseph, Dearest, Joseph Mine,” a 15th century German piece with setting by B. Wayne Bisbee, ©1994 Birnamwood Publications (ASCAP); “Gesù Bambino” by Pietro Yon; and “Prepare the Way, O Zion” by Paul Manz. (CCLI 1466252, OneLicense.net A-717474)

## Epiphany Breakfast

January 4, 2026

9:15am

(Fellowship Hall)

Make reservations on Realm by December 31.

Mary Carol Anderson Youth and College	Jenna Manning Church Operations	Laura Ritter Music
Julie Fayssoux First Baptist Day School	Kyle Matthews Pastoral Care	Matt Rollins Community Engagement
Bridget Kokolis Children	Carol McEntyre Senior Minister	Charles Tompkins Organist
Camille Loomis Rehnberg Spiritual Formation and Outreach	Michael McEntyre Engaged Aging	Andrew Tonks Associate Youth and College

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## Looking Ahead

**Sunday, December 21**

**6:30pm** Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols (Sanctuary)  
*This service of scripture readings and music with congregational candle lighting is held to celebrate the season. A special offering for Lula Whilden World Missions will be collected.*

**8:00pm** College Drop-In at Home of Caroline and Wells Shelley

**Wednesday, December 24**

**5:00pm** Christmas Eve Family Service of Communion (Sanctuary) with Proclaimers Carol McEntyre & Bridget Kokolis – All Worship Together – No Childcare

*This family-friendly service includes scripture, music, children’s reflection and service of communion. A special offering for Local Relief will be collected.*

**Sunday, December 28**

**10:30am** First Sunday of Christmas Family Worship (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Matt Rollins – All Worship Together – No Sunday School or Childcare

**Thursday, December 25-Monday, December 29**

FBG Closed in Celebration of Christmas

**Wednesday, December 31**

*Breathe Week – No Wednesdays@First Activities*

**Sunday, January 4**

**9:15am** Churchwide Epiphany Sunday Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)  
*Make reservations for the breakfast (\$10/adult, \$5/child) on Realm by December 31.*

**10:30am** Epiphany Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre – No Sunday School

**Monday, January 5**

**Noon-2:00pm** College Pasta Luncheon (AYMC Terrace Level)

**Wednesday, January 7**

*Breathe Week – No Wednesdays@First Activities except Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal*

**Sunday, January 11**

**10:30am** Baptism of the Lord Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Deacon Ordination and Installation

<p><b>Lula Whilden</b> World Missions Offering \$61,417</p>		<p><b>Revenue Report</b> 12/16/2025 YTD: \$2,750,472 12/31/2024 Actual: \$2,964,671 12/31/2025 Budget: \$2,982,000</p>
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# God’s Peaceable Kin-dom

December 21, 2025  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Ten Thirty O’Clock



## Invited to Belong

Greeting Kyle Matthews

Music for Gathering "In Dulce Jubilo" *arr. Harriet Adie*

Welcome of Worshipers Kyle Matthews

\*Processional Hymn "Love Has Come" BRING A TORCH  
Hymn is printed in inserted booklet.

Litany for Lighting the Advent Candles  
Charlie, Janie and Ford McDonald

The people walking amongst the shadows have seen a great light.  
**On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned.**  
This light comes from a child born with authority already resting on him.

**He has many different names – Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.**

Eternal Justice and Righteousness will be established by him and reign in his Kingdom.

**We light the fourth candle of Advent, hearing the Name of God and celebrating that God's Love has come!**  
(based on Isaiah 9:2-7)

Carol "Advent Candle Song" *Sally Ahner*  
Stanzas 1-4 Only  
Carol is printed in inserted booklet.

## Invited to Baptism

Ordinance of Baptism Mary Carol Anderson

Baptismal Candidate: Ellie Joye

## Invited to Wonder

\*Children's Hymn "God's Love Made Visible" POSADA  
Hymn is printed in inserted booklet.  
(During the last two stanzas, K4-grade 5 children are invited to come forward.)

Children's Reflection Bridget Kokolis

Refrain BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN  
"The People Who Walked in Darkness"  
Refrain is printed in inserted booklet.  
(K4-K5 children depart for Worship Care.)

Prophetic Reading Isaiah 9:2-7 Andrew Tonks  
page 555 of the Bible in the pew rack

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have given us a Prince of Peace,  
**But we often choose the path of avoidance or animosity.**  
You have given us a Wonderful Counselor,  
**But we trust in our own limited understanding.**  
You have given us a Mighty God,  
**But we tremble before the powers of this world.**  
You have given us an Everlasting Father,  
**But we live as though we are motherless children.**

*Silence is kept for confession.*

Forgive us, Lord.  
**Humble our hearts, steady our spirits, and lead us once more to the manger.**  
Transform your people, formed for your peaceable kin-dom,  
**We rest in the presence of the One who knows us fully and loves us completely. Amen.**

Refrain BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN  
"The People Who Walked in Darkness"  
Refrain is printed in inserted booklet.

Gospel Reading Matthew 1:18-24 Abby Cline  
page 783 of the Bible in the pew rack

Choral Worship "Joseph, Dearest, Joseph Mine" *German, 15<sup>th</sup> cent. setting, B. Wayne Bisbee*  
*Joseph, dearest, Joseph mine, Help me cradle this child divine;  
God reward thee and all that's thine In paradise;  
The son of Virgin Mary.*

*Gladly, dearest, lady mine, I'll help cradle this child of thine;  
God's own light on us both shall shine In paradise;  
The child of Virgin Mary.  
Lulla, lulla, lullaby, Lulla, lulla, lullaby.  
The son of Virgin Mary.*

Sermon A Sign of the Kin-dom to Come Carol McEntyre

## Invited to Respond

\*Invitation Hymn 77 "In the Bleak Midwinter" CRANHAM

\*Invitation to Share Deacon  
These gifts, O God, are first from you, signs of your bounty meant for all your children.  
**We joyously give you thanks for all we have and are.**  
We ask your blessing on our offerings for the sake of those in need, for the care of the church, and for all that you call us to do.  
**Turn our lives to your will as we receive and as we give, for the sake of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Musical Offering "Gesu Bambino" *Pietro Yon*

Introduction of New Members Carol McEntyre

Invitation to Engage

## Invited to Bless

\*Doxology VENI EMMANUEL  
Hymn is printed in inserted booklet.

\*Benediction Carol McEntyre

Postlude "Prepare the Way, O Zion" *Paul Manz*

**Our Service of Worship has ended.  
Our Worship through Service begins.**