

Gathering Music: "Here I Am to Worship" Praise Team

Words of Welcome
Amy Loftis, Liturgist

Prelude: "We Believe" Praise Team

Call to Worship:

- L. Beloved, we gather to remember who we are, not who the world tells us to be.
- C. **We tell the story together of the day that all earth awaits.**
- L. We recall the story of God's people, how God has called us to live in peace and righteousness in a world full of conflict and twisted morality.
- C. **We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.**
- L. We recount the story of our journey with God, the moments of God's provision, God's prodding, and God's prophetic guidance.
- C. **We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.**
- L. We gather to repent and return anew to God's story that guides our lives to work for peace and flourishing for all God's creation.
- C. **We gather to tell the story of the day that all the earth awaits. Thanks be to God. AMEN**

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle (Peace)

*Hymn: "Away in a Manger" p. 217

Opening Prayer

Offertory
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
*Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

Scripture: 1 Samuel 2: 1-10

Gospel: Luke 21: 5-19

Combined University of Charleston Chorus and St. Andrew Choir joining together to sing "Lullabies to the Holy Child" (Please see insert.)

Prayer of Confession: When our faith is rooted deeply in You, O God, our lives reflect your kingdom values of justice and righteousness, but sometimes our lives become so entangled with the values of the world that your values take second place. Forgive us, O God, and reconnect us to The Holy Spirit, source of power and life. Merciful God, strip our hearts and minds of all that prevents our lives being firmly rooted in you.

Celebration of Holy Communion

*Hymn: "Fairest Lord Jesus" p. 189

Postlude: "Joy to the World" Praise Team

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Prayer Requests December 7, 2025

Rev. Jarrold and Debbie Lanham
Bob Hubbard and Family
Dan Rittenhouse
Jill Taylor
Emma Gandee
Grace Cochran, friend of Kathy Stalnaker
Linda White, friend of Kathy Stalnaker
Beverly Loftis
Leora McCoy
Josh Reuter, cousin of Kathy Stalnaker
Tim Dempsy, cousin of Robert Stalnaker
Judy Casto by Kathy Stalnaker
Tony Losacco
Alice Baldwin
Mary Frances Combs
Judy Casto, friend of Kathy Stalnaker
Larry Winter, Claudia Bowles's brother
Donna R. by Melissa Fitzwater
Lori and Chuck Young, Megan and Trey
Pam Cochran
Nassar by Leigh Long
Tom Wills by Amy Loftis
Melanie Ogu
Ted Danford
Richard, nephew of Julia Epperson
Mike Sublette
Jane Beth Talley Haus
Connie Kendall
Lela Ann Carroll by the Downeys
Jerry McCormick, brother of Joyce Dixon
Sara; Topia
Carol Linger
Ann White, sister-in-law of Barbara Foster
Jimmy Ferrell
Philip Chapman
Regina Davis and Christee Davis
Pam Frame
Cathy Henley Lankford
Eugene Workman by Nancy Crawford



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