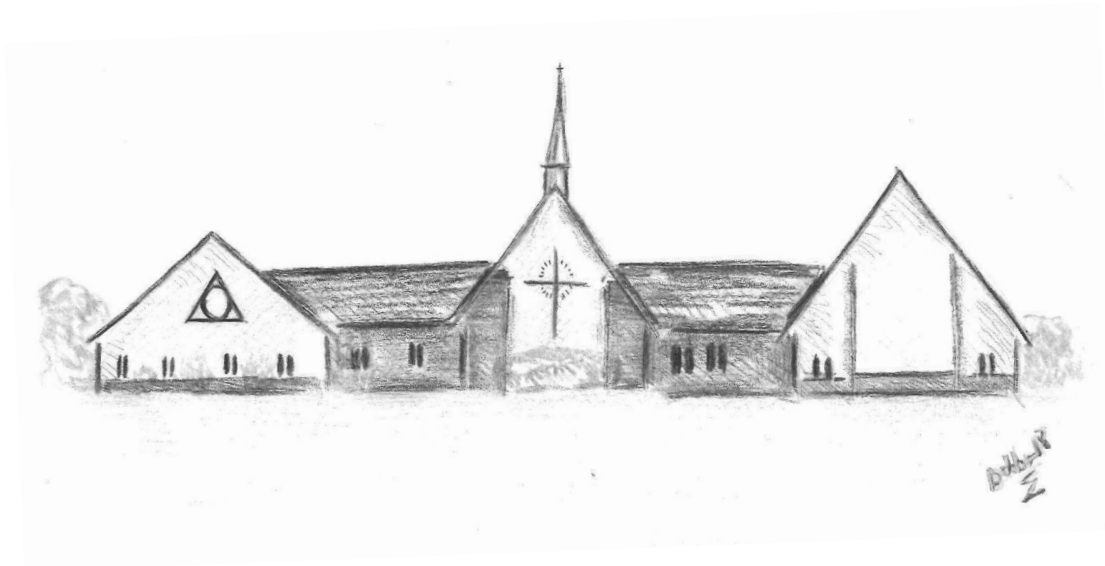


First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025



OUR MISSION:

***To make disciples for Jesus Christ,
to baptize and to teach the faith,
that all may know the hope of Jesus Christ
and become responsible members of His church.***

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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

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The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mark
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The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birthdays of
her sister, Clare and brother, Thomas by Meg Smith.

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all who are visiting today. Please complete a purple visitor's card which can be found on the clipboard in the pew chair in front of you, and place in the offering plate. May your hopes be restored, spirits lifted and your enthusiasm renewed when you visit here.

P Now, let our singing help us clear our hearts and minds for worship.

Advent Candle Lighting

Ryann Lacerte



- L Blessed are you, God of Jacob, for you promise to transform weapons of war into implements of planting and harvest and to teach us your way of peace; you promise that our night of sin is far gone and that your day of salvation is dawning.
As we light the first candle on this wreath, wake us from our sleep, wrap us in your light, empower us to live honorably, and guide us along your path of peace.
O house of Jacob, come,
- C **let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.**

ELW 240 Verse 1 only

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

P Please rise.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
whose home is heaven and earth,
whose salvation is sure.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Long-expected God,

C **we confess that we look to ourselves
for the peace and security only you can provide.
We reach for swords and spears,
reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war.
We become impatient while waiting
and weary of keeping awake.
Free us from self-reliance,
and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors.
Increase our trust in God's timing,
and awaken us to your advent among us,
that we may abound in the hope you have promised.
Amen.**

P God judges us not as we deserve,
but according to God's own righteousness.

✙ You are freed and forgiven,
saved by grace,
and ready to welcome the Savior.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

ELW 264

Prepare the Royal Highway



- 1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
- 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
- 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
- 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

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GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray.
- C **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection
save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk
in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**
- P Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵ O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

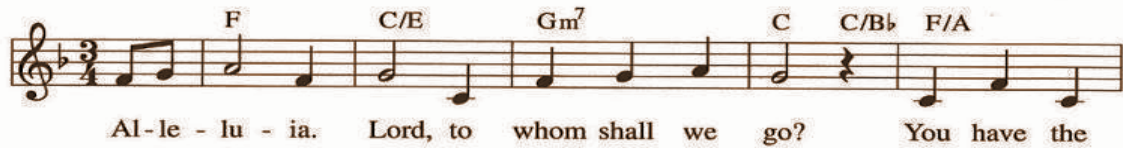
Psalm 122

- L ¹ I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
- C ² **Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**
- L ³ Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;
- C ⁴ **to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**
- L ⁵ For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.
- C ⁶ **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.**
- L ⁷ Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.
- C ⁸ **For the sake of my kindred and companions,
I pray for your prosperity.**
- L ⁹ Because of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek to do you good.”
- P Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

P The holy gospel according to Matthew, the twenty fourth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶ “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

P Please be seated.

SERMON

The Reverend Karen Nelson, Pastor

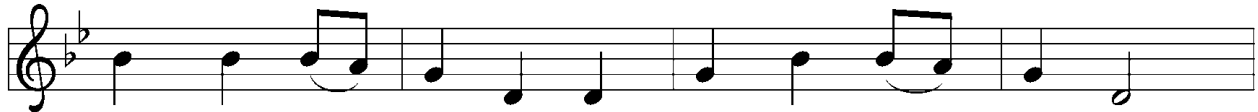
P Please rise.

SERMON HYMN

ELW 247

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Ososǒ, Ososǒ



O - so - sǒ o - so - sǒ, pyong - hwa - ŭi - im - gŭm

- 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
- 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
- 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
- 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sǒ.

- Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

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APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

P Please sit or kneel.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L Let us pray.

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

L God of the people, we come seeking wisdom and instruction. Uphold and strengthen lay leaders, teachers, deacons, pastors, and bishops. Teach us your ways and lead us in your paths. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

L God of the earth, we seek your goodness in the grandeur of creation. Empower us to care for forests and oceans, as we see you in the world around us. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

L God of the nations, grant wisdom to leaders, judges, and mediators. Cast out words of hate and transform them into words for building up community. Remake implements of war to sow peace. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

L God of healing, bring comfort and strength. We pray for our kindred and companions who are ill or despairing. Surround all with care and consolation.

We especially pray for those who are unable to be with us today: Sandy, Dot, Nancy, Diane & Joan.

For those in need of God's healing love and strength: Susan, Sara, Georgia, John, Tommy, Karen, Joan, Peggy, Marita, Anna, Tilly, Heather, Melodie, Margie, Ray, Frank, Charles, Steve, Rick, Mike, Christine, Lucas, Leslie, Jim, Carol, Bob, Greg, Melissa, Becky, Tony, Ken, Nola, John, Sharon, & Lori.

For those in need of God's guidance, protection and strength:
Mark & Adam

In gratitude for God's abundance.

For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one:
For the friends and family of Jean Sweeney.

For those who serve and protect our nation: Jordan, Brian, Craig & Eve.

And for those who we hold in our hearts, and those whose needs are known only to you God.

God of grace.

C receive our prayer.

L God of new possibilities, when addiction wounds, jealousy tears down, and relationships fray, show us how to journey with one another. Nurture therapists, counselors, and sponsors in their care for others. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

L Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P Please rise.
P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

While we sing, you may turn to those sitting closest to you to offer, and receive, the peace and reconciliation which is possible only through Christ.

Peace

♩ = 70

B $\flat$ E $\flat$ F⁷ B $\flat$ E $\flat$ F B $\flat$ B $\flat$ ⁷

Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you - - -

5 B $\flat$ E $\flat$ F⁷ B $\flat$ Gm Gm/E $\flat$ F 1.B $\flat$ 2.E $\flat$ B $\flat$

Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you!

- P Please be seated.

OFFERTORY MEDITATION MUSIC

ALEX BARA, SCOTTISH BAGPIPES

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P Please rise.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Nourishing God,
you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.
Through this meal, satisfy our parched places,
that we may rejoice and be for the world
signs of your kingdom come.

C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P 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;
who by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
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:

SANCTUS

The musical score for the Sanctus is presented in three staves. The first staff begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 65 and a common time signature. The melody is written in treble clef. Chords are indicated above the staff: G, Am, F, Dm7, G, C, G. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord Go - d of po - wer and might. Hea - ven and earth are". The second staff starts at measure 6 and continues the melody. Chords are: Am, Em, F, Am, G, C, G, Am. The lyrics are: "full of your glo - ry Ho - sa - nna in the high - est! Bless - ed is He who comes". The third staff starts at measure 11 and concludes the piece. Chords are: F, Em, F, G, C. The lyrics are: "i - n the name of the Lor - d Ho - sa - nna in the high - est!".

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord Go - d of po - wer and might. Hea - ven and earth are

6 Am Em F Am G C G Am

full of your glo - ry Ho - sa - nna in the high - est! Bless - ed is He who comes

11 F Em F G C

i - n the name of the Lor - d Ho - sa - nna in the high - est!

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

P Please be seated until the invitation.

LAMB OF GOD

LENT

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Lamb of God Your Only Son

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have

sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and

Refrain
sod and to be - come the Lamb of God, O Lamb of
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God, O Lamb of
rod and to be called a lamb of God, O Lamb of

God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me
in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C **Amen.**

To receive Holy Communion please come by the center aisle to the pastor to receive the bread (wafer) and then proceed to the communion assistant for intinction (dipping your wafer in the wine) and then eat, then return to your seat by the side aisle.

Non alcoholic wine is used at all services.

A gluten free wafer is available, simply tell the Pastor when you approach.

If you are not communing and desire a personal blessing please come to Pastor with your hands at your sides.

P Please rise.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you forever in his grace.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P God our host,
at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.
Send us forth, eager to share the feast,
welcome the stranger,
and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with his favor, and give you his peace.
In the name of the Father, ✙ and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

ACS 949

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning



1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your
 2 Dark-er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er
 3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the
 4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your



lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps
 mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night
 morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing
 lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps



trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.
 soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.



Refrain
 Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;



chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al-most done.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Keep awake.
 C Thanks be to God.

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This week at Trinity

Sunday November 30: No Food Drive today

Tuesday December 2: TAG Book Group meets at 11 am in the narthex to discuss *Raising Hare: A Memoir* by Chloe Dalton.

Wednesday December 3: Juliet's lunch will be at noon at P. J. Whelihan's, 180 Mill Road, Oaks.

Thursday December 4: TAG Games Group meets at 1 pm in the narthex.

Friday December 5: Interactive Nativity 5-7 pm. Baked goods are needed by 3 pm; let Lynn Chialastri know what you'll be bringing.

Looking Ahead

Sunday December 7 is the deadline for bringing Angel Tree gifts and stuffed animals.

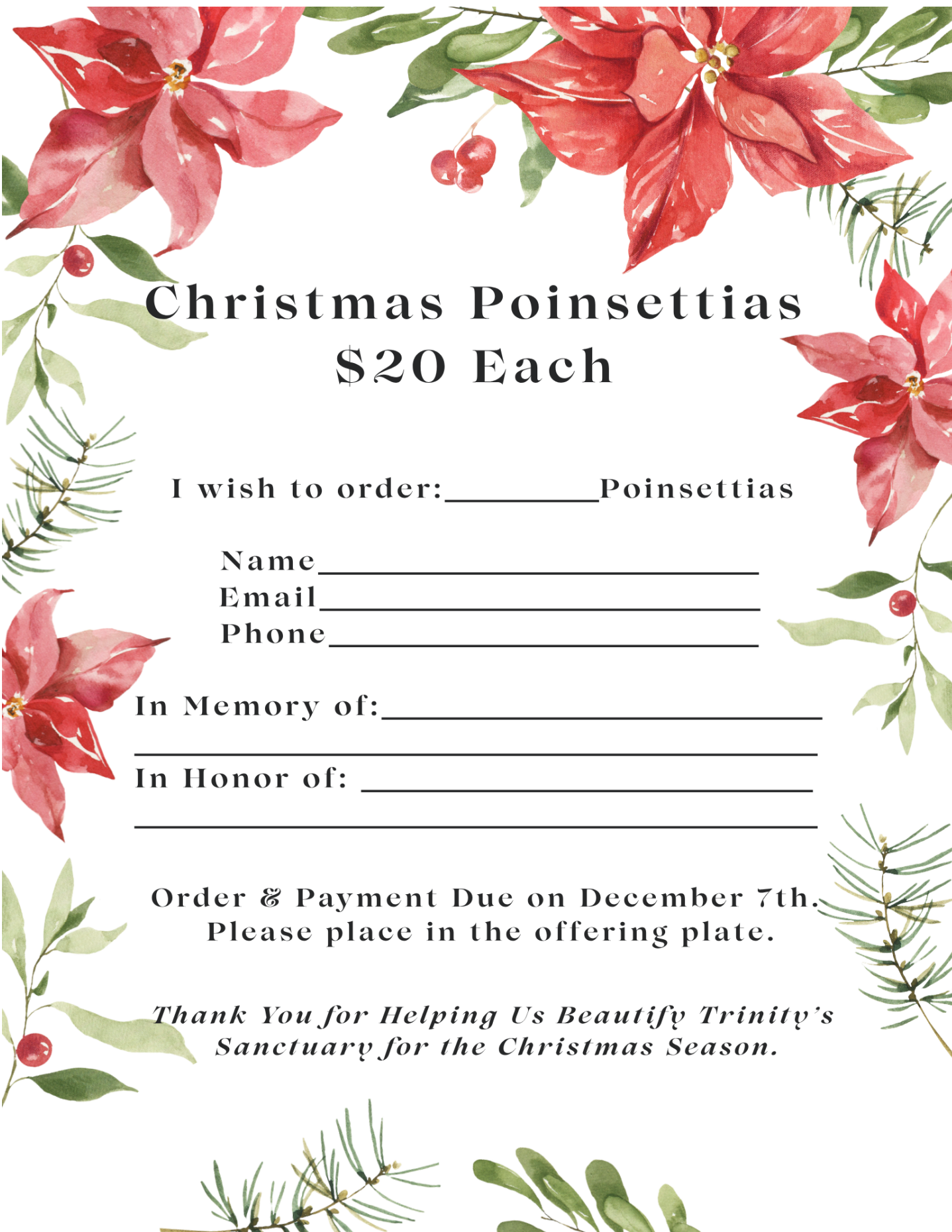
Wednesday December 10: Dine and Donate at MaGerk's in Royersford.

Saturday December 13: 7 PM Winter Concert with Ed Bara



Serving Today 11/30	
Lector	Hannah Nelson-Poteet
Advent Candle Lighter	Ryann Lacerte
Greeter	Sally Jeffries
Communion Assistants	Francesca Burnett & Susan Chambers
Ushers	Peter & Lynne Schell
Coffee Hour	Georgia Burnett
Building Opener	Jeff Shadle
Altar Guild	Ann Dungan
Counting Team	Jeff & Becky Shadle, Sharon Wilson
Serving Sunday 12/7	
Lector	Brenda Aslin
Advent Candle Lighter	Francesca Burnett
Greeter	Francesca Burnett
Communion Assistants	Jen Castor & Lynn Chialastri
Ushers	Ann Dungan & Bob Chambers
Coffee Hour	Janet Fontaine
Building Opener	Alma Nowmos
Altar Guild	Brenda Aslin
Counting Team	JoAnn Sorom, Betty Kratz, Trish Graves





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