

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

Monday, Dec 8: Psalm 124; Genesis 8:1-19; Romans 6:1-11;

Tuesday, Dec 9: Psalm 124; Genesis 9:1-17; Hebrews 11:32-40;

Wednesday, Dec 10: Psalm 124; Isaiah 54:1-10; Matthew 24:23-35;

Thursday, Dec 11: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 4:2-6; Acts 1:12-17, 21-26;

Friday, Dec 12: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 30:19-26; Acts 13:16-25;

Saturday, Dec 13: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 40:1-11; John 1:19-28;



The Second Sunday of Advent

God in the Kitchen

I called home my first semester of college. I told my mom I was fine, but I was homesick. She must have heard the truth in my voice. The ache ate at me. It was a long, slow song, a million tiny ants slurping the juice from a peach. I was tender and bruised, in the doldrums of it all. But she could hear all of that. So three states away, she preheated the oven. Three states away, she tossed blueberries in a thin layer of flour. Three states away, she dusted a layer of streusel over the soft peaks of a dozen warm muffins. And three days later, I unboxed a package from home—a dozen blueberry muffins, a love letter with my name on it, a reminder that I was not alone. If you're running out of hope, count to three. God is in the kitchen. She's just waiting for yeast to rise.

Beginnings Service

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

Please take the opportunity to fill out the Prayer and Gratitude Card, along with a Connection Card. You'll be invited to place them in the offering tray later in the service.

ENTRANCE

Prelude

Alexander Toro-Quinones

Choral Introit

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

Choir

Welcome

Pastor Alisa Isaacs-Bailey

Call to Worship

Family of faith, God is at work!

God is healing and creating,

redeeming and dreaming,

calling and sending,

listening and loving.

Yes, indeed, God is at work!

So may we worship our God who never gives up.

May we worship our God who holds onto hope. Amen.

UMH #178

“Hope of the World”

Prayer

Inhale: **My fears are valid,**

Exhale: **and God is near.**

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Isaiah 43:19-21

After the Reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Chant



- O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son;
He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.
- Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.
- For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.
- May his name be blessed forever; as long as the sun his name shall remain.
In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed; all the nations shall proclaim his happiness.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 11:1-11

Pastor Joel Everson

Silence follows. Then the People stand as they are able.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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After the Gospel, the Pastor says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Bryan Langdoc

LIE DOWN AND LISTEN IN THE DARK

Sunday, December 7th @ 10:00 PM

The world feels heavy right now. Fires burn, hearts ache, and our minds rarely find stillness. Mental health experts remind us that rest, silence, and a break from our screens are essential for the soul. We invite you to an hour of peace and presence in our beautiful candlelit sanctuary as we continue a monthly series of "lie down and listen in the dark" experiences. This Sunday, Dec. 7 at 10:00 pm, we offer this especially as a study break for college students as they prepare for final exams.

Bring a sleeping bag, blanket, or pillow—and settle into a space on the floor, a pew or the playground—as Eric Edberg (cello), Micah Layne (flute), and Alexander Toro-Quíñones (pipe organ) offer live music designed to quiet the mind and open the heart.

Phones off. Candles lit. Music in the dark.

Leave your smartphone in the basket on your way in—it'll be waiting for you on your way out.

Come breathe. Come rest. Come listen.

Lie Down and Listen in the Dark is co-sponsored by DePauw Center for Spiritual Life, Gobin Church, and the Greencastle Summer Music Festival.

STAY CONNECTED

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Stay in the loop

Print communication is important. Email can sometimes be even better. And occasionally a quick text message is best! If you'd like to stay "in the loop" and receive text updates about all things Gobin, text the word "loop" to (765)650-4644. Make sure to save this number as "Gobin Church"!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

If you or someone you know is ill, injured, or otherwise in need of prayer or visitation, please fill out a prayer card, or let the pastoral staff or church office know. Jai will work to keep us connected.

Here are members of our Gobin connection who need prayer & comfort at this time:

Margot MacCracken, Brandie Sitton, Andrea Insley, Ashlee Vitz, Sandy Miller, Katie Isaacs-Bailey, Jim & Windy Watt, Phillip Caldwell, Luke & Sherry DeJaynes, Larry Rider, Ann Hansen, Leland Zellers, Marcia Linville, Matt Fruits, Kids Hope mentors & students, Vahyrian residents, residents of the Putnam Co. Jail, Kyaw, Vivi, Treasure, Yun Ling, Ajaypal Singh and all ICE detainees in the Clay Co Detention Center

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please fill out a prayer request card or send an email to prayers@gobinunc.org

OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

You may have noticed the votive candles near the entrance to the sanctuary. We invite you to take one and join Wednesday morning prayer from 7:45-8am wherever you are. If you wish to have a candle, but are not able to come to the church, contact us and we will arrange to have someone bring it to you.

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THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

Invitation

Pastor Jai Miranda

Confession & Pardon

On-the-move God,

we have every reason to hold onto hope.

**We have every reason to believe that spring will come,
that flowers will bloom, that the sun will rise.**

And yet, too often hope slips through our fingers.

With anxious hearts we cry out to you,

“Will change ever come? Will things ever get better?

Will I ever make a difference?”

**Soothe our wandering hearts and show us the places where the sun is
shining.**

Show us the places where you are on the move.

With open hearts we pray, amen.

Family of faith, in our honesty, **we are heard.**

In our worries, **we are held.**

In our failings, **we are forgiven.**

In our fear, **we are not alone.**

Friends, this is the good news of the gospel!

When we’re running out of hope, God is still at work.

Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

Passing the Peace

Offering

Offertory

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God, above ye Heavenly Host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Offering Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the
highest.**

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Communion Song

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have
given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength
of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

Hymn

“Looking Out a Prison Window”

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SENDING FORTH

Benediction

Postlude

LET’S DECORATE FOR ADVENT!

All are invited to join us as we prepare the sanctuary for the Advent season!
Come help decorate our worship space and enjoy a time of fellowship as
we get ready to celebrate the hope and joy of Christ’s coming.

We will gather **TODAY after the 11 AM Mosaic service** for the hanging
of the greens. Lunch will be provided.

ADVENT & CHRISTMASTIDE

Join us as we gather for worship during this season.

Sunday services will be at 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM.

First Sunday of Advent	November 30
Second Sunday of Advent	December 7
Third Sunday of Advent	December 14
Fourth Sunday of Advent	December 21
Longest Night	December 21 @ 6:00 PM
Christmas Eve	December 24 @ 6:00 PM
First Sunday of Christmas	December 28
Epiphany	January 4