

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

Monday, Dec 15: Psalm 42; Isaiah 29:17-24; Acts 5:12-16;

Tuesday, Dec 16: Psalm 42; Ezekiel 47:1-12; Jude 1:17-25;

Wednesday, Dec 17: Psalm 42; Zechariah 8:1-17; Matthew 8:14-17, 28-34;

Thursday, Dec 18: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:1-17; Galatians 3:23-29;

Friday, Dec 19: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:18-22; Galatians 4:1-7;

Saturday, Dec 20: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:23-29; John 3:31-36;



The Third Sunday of Advent

The First Step

Watch any parent. It starts with the first step.

They kneel down. They smile with anticipation.

They reach for their baby, calling and cooing them forward.

And then before they know it, they're running behind a bike. They're yelling, "Keep pedaling! You got it! I'm right here!" And they're jumping up and down, because that little red helmet passed the mailbox.

And then, just like that, they're driving circles in the church parking lot.

They're giving instructions about easing on and off the pedal.

They're having conversations about curfew and heartbreak.

And then, before they know it, they're standing in a hospital room.

Their heart is bursting. And they say, "Put her head right here."

Rock her gently. Do you remember the nursery rhymes?

You were born for this."

The first step is always the hardest,
but you, beloved, were born for this.

Beginnings Service

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 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 Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Gobin Bells

"Promised One"

Welcome

Pastor Alisa Isaacs-Bailey

Call to Worship

Jeremiah said, "I am only a boy."

Moses said, "Who am I to do this work?"

Mary said, "How can this be?"

We often say, "But God, I am afraid."

Even when we are afraid, God invites us closer.

So may we trust the Inviter.

May we heed God's invitation.

May we summon our courage and sing God's praise.

Let us worship our courageous, inviting, calling God. Amen!

Prayer

Inhale: **Today I will make space**

Exhale: **for joy that grows and grows.**

Prayer Hymn "A Stable Lamp is Lighted"
Advent Candle Lighting
UMH #203 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Gobin Bells
Barcus Family

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination
First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

After the Reading, the Reader says

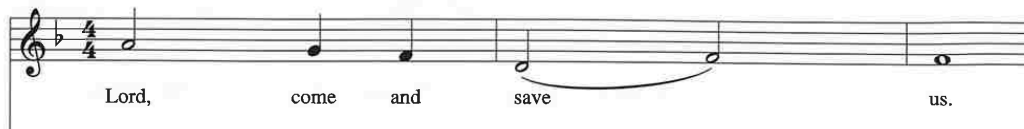
The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Lottie Barcus

Psalm 146

Rev. Bryan Langdoc



- The Lord keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets captives free.
- The Lord gives sight to the blind; the Lord raises up those who were bowed down.
The Lord loves the just; the Lord protects strangers
- The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts.
The Lord shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations.

Gospel Lesson **Luke 1:26-39**

Pastor Joel Everson

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

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

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

Responsive Solo "He's Got the Whole World In His Hands" Dr. Janani Sridhar

ADVENT & CHRISTMASTIDE

Join us as we gather for worship during this season.

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

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

STAY CONNECTED

Want to receive our weekly email updates?

Sign up here: www.gobin.live/email

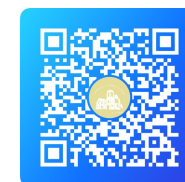
Stay in the loop

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"!

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Stay connected with other college students by joining the new Gobin College Student GroupMe. Scan the QR code to join.



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, Family of Masey Ward, the Diaz-Gomez families, Kids Hope mentors & students, Valyrian residents, residents of the Putnam Co. Jail, Kyam, 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@gobinmc.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.

WAYS TO GIVE

- Make checks payable to Gobin Church
- Text “Gobin” to 73256
- Online at www.gobin.live/give
- Scan the QR code



THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

Prayers of the People

Pastor Jai Miranda

Invitation

Confession & Pardon

Courageous God,

you invite us to live into our call.

You invite us to act, to serve, and to trust.

Instead of responding with a resounding “yes,” we often hide our faces.

We dig our heels in.

We look for someone else to volunteer.

Spark courage in us.

Remind us that every person is capable of making a difference.

Remind us that even when we’re scared, we are not alone.

You invite us forward.

With baby steps we hope, we pray, amen.

Family of faith,

no matter where your path has led you in the past, today is a new day.

So join me in declaring this good news:

We are known. We are forgiven! We are sent to serve.

May we step forward in faith, always moving closer to God’s call. 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

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

“O Come, Take Heart”

Insert

SENDING FORTH

Benediction

Postlude



BE PART OF OUR PICTURE DIRECTORY!

We had folks who were unable to participate in our first round of directory pictures, so here's your second (and final) chance to have a

FREE photo taken of you and/or your family. You will receive a free 8x10 and a copy of our completed directory. We hope you will sign up with the directions and link below!

Please let Sarah or Alisa know if you have any questions. You can also call the office and Sarah can schedule your session.

Directory Picture Day #2: Monday, January 26th

2:00 - 8:00 PM

To schedule your photography appointment online simply go to www.ucdir.com and click on photography session sign up. The login is **in2034** and the password is **photos**.

You can also scan the QR code below and use the above login and password.

