

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

Wednesday, Dec 24:

Nativity of the Lord: Proper I

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

Thursday, Dec 25:

Nativity of the Lord: Proper II

Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:1-20

Nativity of the Lord: Proper III

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-12; John 1:1-14

Friday, Dec 26:

Psalm 148; Wisdom 4:7-15; Acts 7:59-8:8;

Saturday, Dec 27:

Psalm 148; Proverbs 8:22-31; 1 John 5:1-12;

Christmas Eve Poetry

Honeysuckle

There is an abandoned house on my block.

Maybe someone owns it and is just waiting to fix it up,
or maybe it belongs to a family that simply cannot let it go.

Either way, the yard is an overgrown tangle of weeds—
crabgrass and yellow nutsedge, horsetail and clover—
unforgiving and entrenched.

Over the summer, a honeysuckle bush crept
from that forgotten house over the fence and through the yard.

It spilled out in broad patches on the sidewalk. As a result,
you could not pass that mess of a house without the taste of honey in your
mouth. You could not pass that mess of a house without being engulfed in the
sweet scent of something good. It was almost as if the earth was saying, sure,
things are chaotic here, but pause for a moment. Pull a flower bud off in your
fingers. Break the stem. Slurp the tiny bead of honey at the base. Remember
that even when bad news is unforgiving and entrenched, good news grows out
of its cage, across the sidewalk, just to get to you.



Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 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

Veronica Pejril

Introit

“Joy of Christmas”

Gobin Bells

Welcome

Rev. Bryan Langdoc

Call to Worship

On this holy night, we come,
dazzled and awe-struck,
ready to sing alongside the angels.

On this holy night, we come,
eager and hopeful,
ready to journey alongside the shepherds.

On this holy night, we come,
quietly and tenderly,
ready to worship alongside Mary.

On this holy night, we come,
singing, trusting, believing, proclaiming:
good news is louder than fear.

Let us worship our good news, with-us God.

UMH #234

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Advent Candle Lighting

Oliver-Day Family

UMH #240

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination

Vickie Parker

First Reading

Isaiah 9:6

After the Reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

A Psalm for Today

Joseph Harris

Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:1-20

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

Luke Miller

After the Gospel, the Pastor says

For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us:

People: Thanks be to God!

Homily

Rev. Bryan Langdoc

Prayers of the People

Pastor Jai Miranda

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. Amen.

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

Call to Confession

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.



GOOD NEWS!

Gobin Church has been selected as a recipient of the National Fund for Sacred Places grant! This incredible honor affirms our ongoing efforts to preserve our historic sanctuary and expand our ministry of beauty, justice, and belonging in the heart of Greencastle.

To learn more about the project and what this means for our future, visit www.gobinchurch.org.

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@gobinumc.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



Prayer of Confession

**God of angel choruses,
you hang the stars in the sky,
but we do not see them.**

**You fill the night with angelic song,
but we do not hear it.**

**You send shepherds to tell the good news,
but we do not believe them.**

**You bring love into the world,
but we do not seek it.**

**Quiet the fear in us that works to rationalize, minimize, and distract
from the good news you put forth into the world.**

**Tune our hearts back to your song.
With hope we pray, amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

Passing the Peace

Invitation to the Table

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

“O Holy Night”

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

UMH #431
UMH #239

“Let There Be Peace On Earth”
“Silent Night”

SENDING FORTH

Benediction
Postlude

Veronica Pejril

JOIN US FOR CHRISTMASTIDE!

Sunday services held at 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM.

First Sunday of Christmas December 28

Epiphany January 4

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Beginnings Service: 9:30AM
The Interlude: 10:30 AM
Mosaic Service: 11:00 AM

CONNECT WITH US:

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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”!