

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

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

Tuesday, Dec 2: Psalm 124; Genesis 9:1-17; Hebrews 11:32-40;

Wednesday, Dec 3: Psalm 124; Isaiah 54:1-10; Matthew 24:23-35;

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

Friday, Dec 5: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 30:19-26; Acts 13:16-25;

Saturday, Dec 6: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 40:1-11; John 1:19-28;

The First Sunday of Advent

In the Time of Herod

I didn't live during Herod's time—that brutal, murderous king, God save his soul.

But even hundreds of years later, I know the prayers of his people.

I know the prayers of the mothers and the children under his rule.

I know the prayers of the young men under his angry arm.

I know their prayers, because anyone who has ever lived in this soft world for more than two days

knows how to pray for a miracle.

We rub our hands together.

We fold weary shoulders in,

a cage of bone to protect our bleeding hearts.

We sing, we shall overcome and bind my wandering heart to thee.

We walk across bridges and in front of powerful buildings.

We cover our cars in stickers that scream, we will not give up!

We allow a hungry cry to slip from our lips,

giving our lament a life of its own (with room to dance!).

And when all of that is said and done, we whisper to our creator,

God, break through the yelling and the fear. Break through the violence and the oppression.

Get past the Herods of this world, and come be here.

Like every bleeding heart before, we pray for a miracle.



Mosaic Service

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 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.

Prelude

Opening

First Reading

Lamentations 3:55-57

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:5-13

Closing Song

PRESENCE

Your attendance matters. Scan the QR code below to let us know you're here! It's an excellent way to stay connected to Gobin.



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, 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@gobinnumc.org

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.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

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



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 on **Sunday, December 7th after the 11 AM service**. 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