

## THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

**Monday, Dec 22:** Luke 1:46b-55; Isaiah 33:17-22; Revelation 22:6-7, 18-20;

**Tuesday, Dec 23:** Luke 1:46b-55; 2 Samuel 7:18, 23-29; Galatians 3:6-14;

**Wednesday, Dec 24:** Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

**Thursday, Dec 25:** Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:1-20

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;

*The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

### Tethered

When we were children, we fell asleep  
with walkie talkies tucked under our pillows.  
All that separated us was a bathroom,  
a hallway, a few feet of empty space,  
but as children, even small distances can feel like miles.

So after the parents whispered prayers over our skinned knees  
and spelling tests, after they kissed our sweaty foreheads and tucked us into  
bed, we'd pull the walkie talkies out from under our pillows.  
We'd roll the dial on the top of the transceiver.  
We'd sputter that invisible tether to life.

And with a few crackles in the quiet of the night,  
you'd whisper my name.  
I'd press down the button.  
I'd promise I was close.

As an adult, I don't know what ever happened  
to those blue-grey walkie talkies.  
But I know,  
that even today,  
if the monsters in the closet feel too real,  
and you whisper my name,  
I promise I'll be close.



## Mosaic Service

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

December 21, 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** Isaiah 41:5-10

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 1:18-25

### 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, Family of Masey Ward, the Diaz-Gomez families, Kids Hope mentors & students, Valyrian 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@gobinumc.org](mailto:prayers@gobinumc.org)

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## 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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## STAY CONNECTED

**Want to receive our weekly email updates?**

Sign up here: [www.gobin.live/email](http://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.

## ADVENT & CHRISTMASTIDE

*Join us as we gather for worship during this season.  
Sunday services will be at 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM.*

Longest Night	December 21 @ 6:00 PM
Christmas Eve	December 24 @ 6:00 PM
First Sunday of Christmas	December 28
Epiphany	January 4

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## 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](http://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.

