

## 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.

## Mosaic 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.*

### Prelude

### Opening

**First Reading** Isaiah 43:19-21

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 11:1-11

### 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](mailto:prayers@gobinnumc.org)

## ADVENT & CHRISTMASTIDE

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

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

## 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 service**. Lunch will be provided.

## LIE DOWN AND LISTEN IN THE DARK Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> @ 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-Quinones (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.*