#### 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.



# **Mosaic Service**

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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 Jeremiah 1:4-10

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

**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* 

### **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.

#### **STAY CONNECTED**

Want to receive our weekly email updates? Sign up here: www.gobin.live/email

## Stay in the loop

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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.

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

#### 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.