



# *Williston Federated Church*

*December 24, 2025 7:30pm*

*Open and Affirming, Reconciling Pledge*

*We, the Williston Federated Church, declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming, Reconciling congregation. With God's grace, we seek to be a congregation that includes all persons, embracing differences of sexual orientation, gender, marital status, age, mental and physical ability as well as racial, ethnic, or social-economic background. We welcome all to share in the life and leadership, ministry and fellowship, worship sacraments, responsibilities, and blessings of participation in our congregation.*

*(Adopted by the Williston Federated Church congregation in 2006.)*



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United Church of Christ and United Methodist Church  
Federated in 1899



**Welcome To All Who Worship Here!**  
**Tuesday, December 24, 2025**  
**Christmas Eve 7:30 pm**

*Mission Statement*

*Our church is an inclusive community which enthusiastically welcomes and gathers all people to share the wonder of God's love. Together we seek to find fullness of life through Jesus' teachings, to reach out into the world to live lovingly and justly as followers of Christ, and to respond actively to human needs. (Adopted by the Williston Federated Church congregation in 2024.)*

Prelude	"What Child is This?"	Lynn Bujnak, dulcimer
Introit	"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Charles Wesley, Roland H. Pritchard	Senior Choir Adam Hall, conductor Suiong Wong, piano
Opening Carol	"O Come, All Ye Faithful" by John F. Wade UMC (red) Hymn #234 (verses 1,3, and 6) (Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-740093. All rights reserved)	Suiong Wong and congregation
Call to Worship (based on Psalm 96 and Luke 2:1-14)	One: Sing to our God a new song; sing to our God all the earth. <b>All: Glory to God in the highest heaven, Peace on earth to all!</b> One: The heavens are telling the glory of God, let the earth rejoice, let trees of the forest sing for joy! <b>All: Glory to God in the highest heaven,</b>	Pastor Paul Eyer and congregation

**peace on earth to all!**

Lighting of the Advent Candle	<p>One: “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined.” <i>(Isaiah 9:2)</i></p> <p><i>[Four purple candles are lit and then the reading continues.]</i></p> <p>One: “The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.” <i>(John 1:9)</i></p> <p><i>[The white candle is lit.]</i></p> <p><b>All: Generous God, in the birth of the Christ Child, you have offered new hope and new life to each of us. May we experience the presence of Emmanuel—God with us—this day, and always. Amen.</b></p>	Lesley Murray and congregation
Special Music	<p>“Christmas Welcome”</p> <p>By John Ness Beck</p>	Senior Choir Adam Hall, conductor Suiong Wong, piano
Scripture	<p><b>The Birth Foretold</b></p> <p>Isaiah 9:2, 6-7</p>	Andrew Becher
Scripture	<p><b>The Peaceable Kingdom</b></p> <p>Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6</p>	Ashley Dubois

Special Music	“O Come, All Ye Faithful” “Deck the Halls”	String Quartet Ruby Hall, Edward Hall, JJ Garcia, and Polly Garcia
Scripture	<b>The Annunciation</b> Luke 1:26-38	Donna Fellingner
Carol	“Hark the Herald Angels Sing” UMC (red) Hymnal #240 (sing verses 1 and 2)	Suing Wong and congregation
Scripture	<b>Joseph’s Dream</b> Matthew 1:16-23	Kai Sedic-Lawton
Special Music	“O Holy Night”	Adam Hall, tenor Suiong Wong, piano
Scripture	<b>Journey to Bethlehem</b> Luke 2:1-7	Jude Hersey
Testimony		Donna-Sue Hain
Carol	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	Martin Hain, cello

Call to Offering		Dr. Jill Irvine, pastoral intern
Offering	<p><i>Gifts received for this special Christmas Eve offering will be divided between the church and Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity.</i></p> <p><i>You may give when the offering plates are passed during the service, or you may donate online here: <a href="https://onrealm.org/WFC/-/form/give/Christmas">https://onrealm.org/WFC/-/form/give/Christmas</a></i></p>	
Offertory	<p>“He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd” “Come Unto Him, All Ye That Labor” From Messiah by G.F. Handel</p>	Helen Lyons, soprano Suiong Wong, piano
Doxology	<p><i>Gloria</i> from “Angels We Have Heard On High” UMC (red) Hymnal #238 (Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-740093. All rights reserved)</p>	Suing Wong, piano, and congregation
Prayer of Dedication	<p><b>All: O God, You gave us the greatest gift of all, entering into our human existence and pointing the way to a better way through the life and ministry of Jesus, whose birth we celebrate on this sacred night. In this season of giving, we offer gifts of ourselves: our goods, our time and our</b></p>	Dr. Jill Irvine, pastoral intern

**talents. May these gifts be used to bring  
your light and hope into the world yet  
again. Amen.**

Scripture	<b>Luke's Nativity</b> Luke 2:8-20	Pam Osborne
Choral Anthem	"Christmas Roundelay" By Lois H Young & Ruth E. Young	Senior Choir, conducted by Adam Hall Suiong Wong, piano
Scripture	<b>The Flight into Egypt</b> Matthew 2:1-15	Gayle Goodwin
Carol	Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light UMC (red) Hymnal #223 (sing verses 1,2, and 3)	Suing Wong, piano, and congregation
Scripture	<b>The Mystery of Incarnation</b> John 1:1-4	Pastor Paul Eyer
Lighting of Candles Carol	"Silent Night" UMC (red) Hymnal #239 (sing verses 1, 2, 3, and 4)	Congregation and Martin Hain, guitar
Benediction /Blessing	John 1:5, 14	Pastor Paul Eyer

Carol                      “Joy to the World”                      Suing Wong,  
                                 UMC (red) Hymnal #246 (all verses)                      piano, and  
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Postlude                      Suing Wong,  
                                 piano

Liturgical                      The **Call to Worship** is adapted from a liturgy entitled “Come Just as You Are,  
Resources                      Service Prayers for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day” was written by the Rev.  
                                 Penny L. Lowes, found at “Worship Ways” on the United Church of Christ  
                                 website [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org).  
                                 The **Advent Candle** liturgy was adapted from a liturgy prepared by Rev.  
                                 David Beswick of the Uniting Church of Australia found at  
                                 <http://www.beswick.info/rcresources/CEA95OS.htm>. and from  
                                 “Liturgies.net” found at  
                                 <https://www.liturgies.net/Advent/wreath/cdlight.htm>.  
                                 The **Prayer of Dedication** is adapted from Lisa's Liturgies found  
                                 at <https://sites.google.com/site/lisasliturgies/prayers-and-litanies/prayers>

*Ushers: Louise Kyle, Larry Pillsbury, Paula and Delaney LeBlanc*

*Greeter: Barb Bristol*

*Online Greeter: Jackie Lingelbach*

*Online Prayer Coordinator: Ashley Dubois*

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### Additional Notes for This Week

#### Special Offering

The special offering collected this evening will be equally divided between support for the vital ministries of Williston Federated Church and the important work carried out by Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity. The mission of Habitat for Humanity is to demonstrate the love and teachings of Jesus Christ. Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity is the affiliate that works with local families and community volunteers to build and sell affordable homes in Northwest Vermont. The service area includes Chittenden, Franklin, Grand Isle, and Lamoille Counties. Habitat homebuyers help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. Through the affiliate's efforts, over 120 families have achieved the strength, stability, and independence needed to build a better life for themselves and their children. Gifts can be made with cash, check or an online giving form at <https://onrealm.org/WFC/-/form/give/Christmas>. For convenience, you can use the QR code by pointing your phone's camera at it and follow prompts to open the link in a browser.



Williston Federated Church  
Christmas Eve Special Offering

### Sunday, December 28 Breakfast

Join us on December 28<sup>th</sup> for an informal worship in Fellowship Hall. A potluck breakfast will be served. (But please join us even if you cannot bring food.) This wonderful event will combine a breakfast with an informal worship service that will include prayer, Christmas carols, and conversation.



Carmyn Stanko	To world peace
Sara Moran	In celebration of our families and friends this holiday season
Brian and Gayle Goodwin	In celebration of our grandchildren Finn and Claudia
Cathi Brody	In memory of Pete Bartenstein, Evelyn Bartenstein, and my grandparents
Polly, Bill and Becca	In loving memory of Romaine DeCamp
Louise Kyle	In loving memory of Terry
Louise Kyle	In honor of Heather, Dean, and the boys
The Hain family	In memory of our parents and grandparents: William and Ruth Hain and Dennis and Barbara Ameden
Donna-Sue and Martin Hain	In memory of Isabelle Ameden and Gregory Ameden
Donna-Sue Hain	In loving memory of siblings: Dale Ameden and Bonnie Ameden Adams
Donna & Michael Goodheart	In celebration of family and friends.
Kim Hornung-Marcy and Ted Marcy	Merry Christmas to our church family
Amy Vaughan	In honor of my children and parents.
Amy Vaughan	In memory of Jane & Willem Keur, Virginia & Gus Toth, and Ron Vaughan
Judy and Barry Toth	In honor of our children and grandchildren
John Pierce	In memory of those dear family members and friends who have passed from this life to the next.
Alison Barges	In memory of Doris Jenkins