



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Building Faith ✚ Building Community ✚ Building Lives



December 1, 2024

Advent Lessons and Carols/First Sunday of Advent

GATHERING MUSIC

Savior of the Nations, Come

Johann Sebastian Bach

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL

GATHERING

WELCOME

You are invited to stand as you are able.

DIALOGUE

The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, O everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts is the King of glory! The Lord of hosts is the King of glory!

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts is the King of glory! (Psalm 24:1, 7, 10)

ENTRANCE CAROL ELW 257 (Stand) O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Veni, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

5 O come, O Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heav'nly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery. *Refrain*

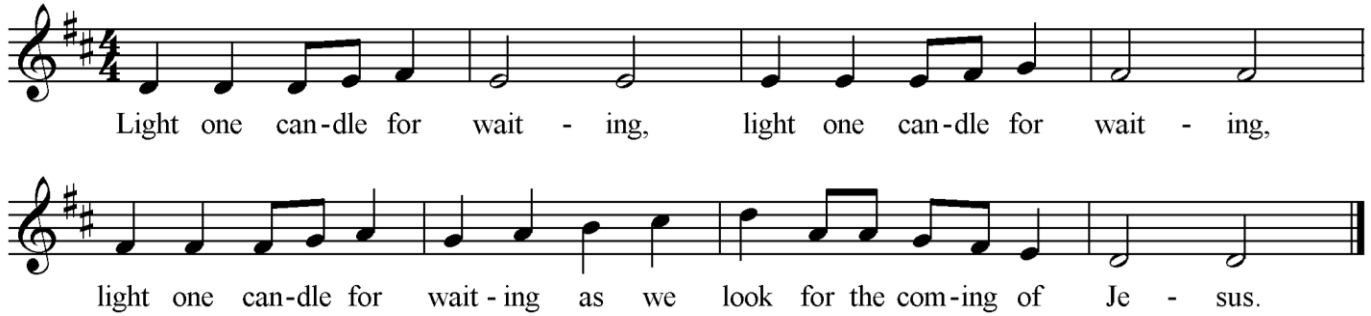
THE WORD

Children are invited to come forward for the lighting of the advent candle.

CAROL

Light One Candle

Michael Bedford



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Mike and Ann Riley

The first week of Advent is all about hope.
Think about hope as you hear Lamentations 3: 21-24:
“But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God’s mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in the Lord.”

1st candle is lit.

Let us pray together:

**We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown
that marks our days of preparation for Christ’s advent.
As we light the first candle on this wreath,
rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord
when he comes with all the saints and angels.
Enlighten us with your grace,
and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy.
Grant this through Christ our Lord,
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.
Amen.**

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Josh Lowman

Jesus Loves Me

*Jesus loves me, this I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to him belong,
They are weak, but he is strong!*

*Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, for the Bible tells me so.*

A SERVICE OF ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

FIRST READING: Genesis 3:8-19

Read by Rita Foringer

⁸They heard the sound of the Lord GOD walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord GOD among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the Lord GOD called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the Lord GOD said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." ¹⁴The Lord GOD said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel."

¹⁶To the woman he said,
"I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children,
yet your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you."

¹⁷And to the man he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your
wife,
and have eaten of the tree
about which I commanded you,
'You shall not eat of it,'
cursed is the ground because of you;
in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.
¹⁹By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread
until you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
you are dust,
and to dust you shall return."

The Word of the Lord.

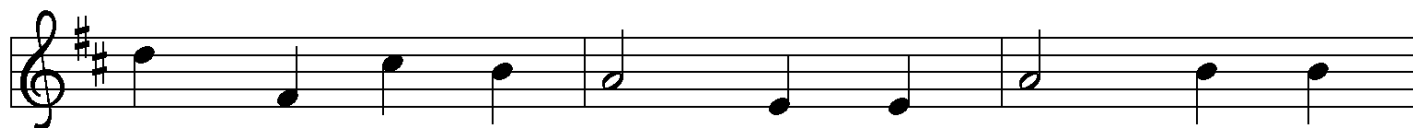
Thanks be to God.



1 As the dark a - waits the dawn,
 2 As the blue ex - pec - tant hour
 3 As the moon re - flects the sun
 4 Shine your fu - ture on this place,



so we a - wait your light. O Star of
 be - fore the sil - v'ring skies, we long to
 un - til the night's de - crease, may we your
 en - light - en ev - 'ry guest, that through us



prom - ise, scat - ter night, lov - ing bright, lov - ing
 see your day a - rise, whole and wise, whole and
 heal - ing light re - lease, liv - ing peace, liv - ing
 stream your ho - li - ness, bright and blest, bright and



bright, till shades of fear are gone.
 wise, O lu - cent Morn - ing Star.
 peace, un - to your ho - ly dawn.
 blest; come dawn, O Sun of grace.

¹ But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² 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.

³ You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

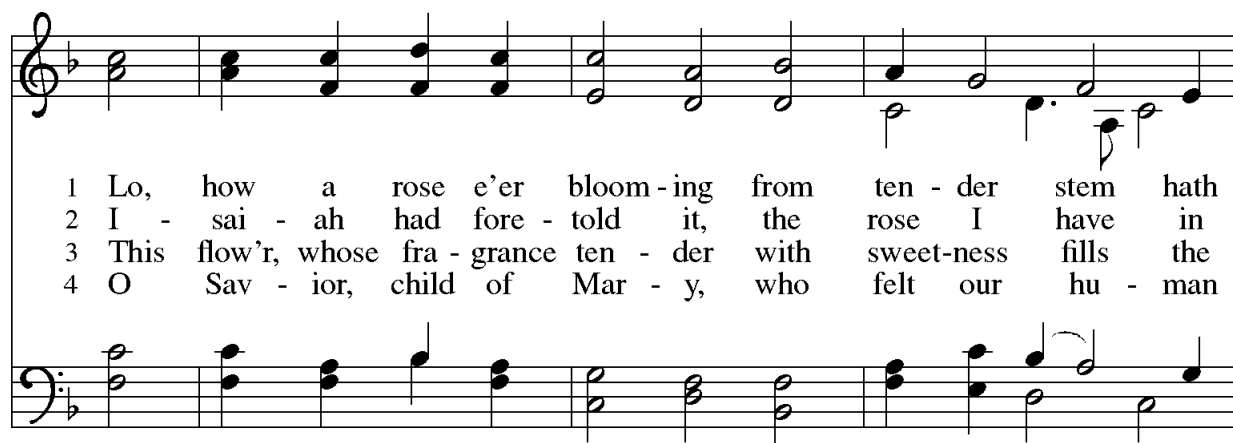
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

THIRD READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Read by Rita Foringer

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

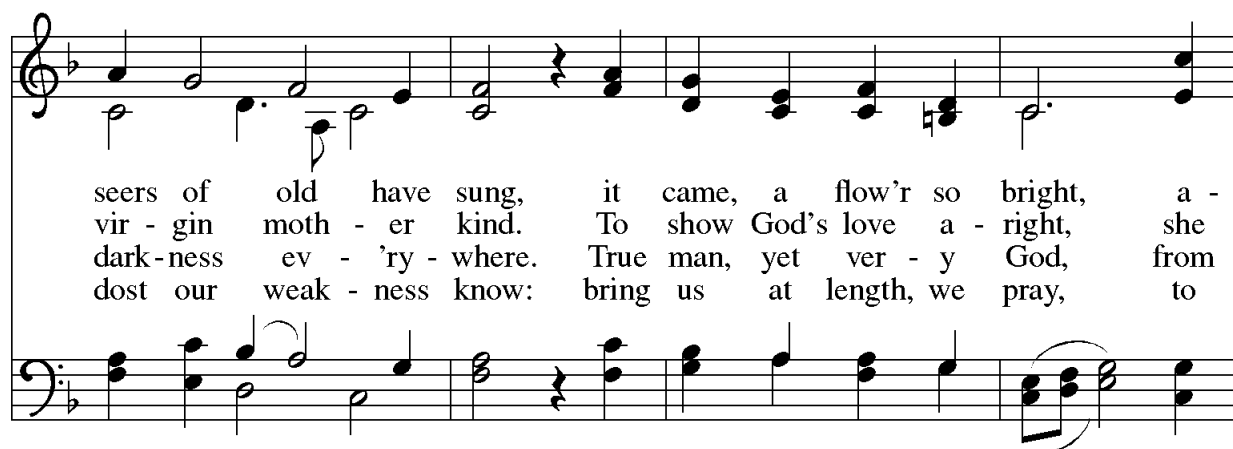
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
 2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the
 woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who



seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she
 dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from
 dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to



mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
 sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
 the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

FOURTH READING: Luke 1:39-55

Read by Josh Lowman

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

⁴⁶And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The Word of the Lord.

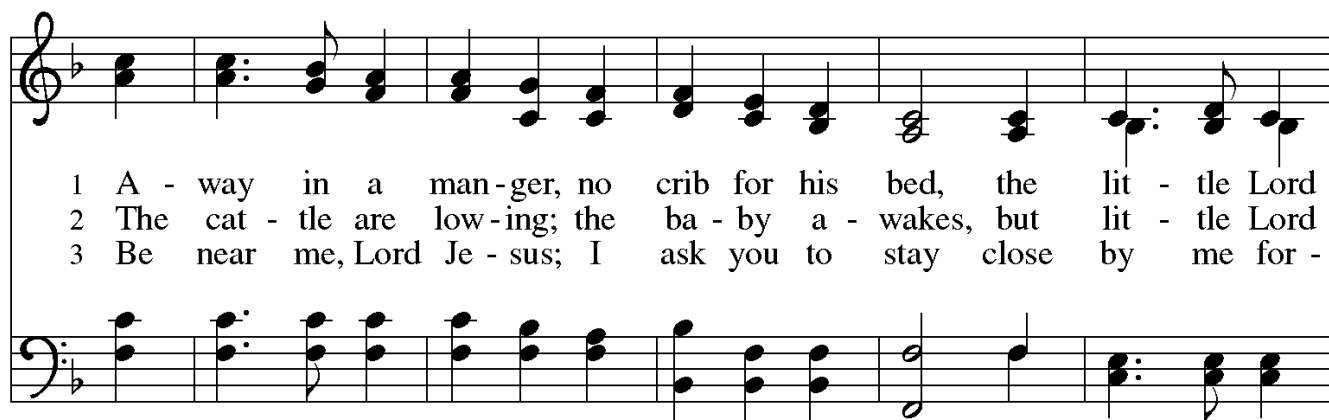
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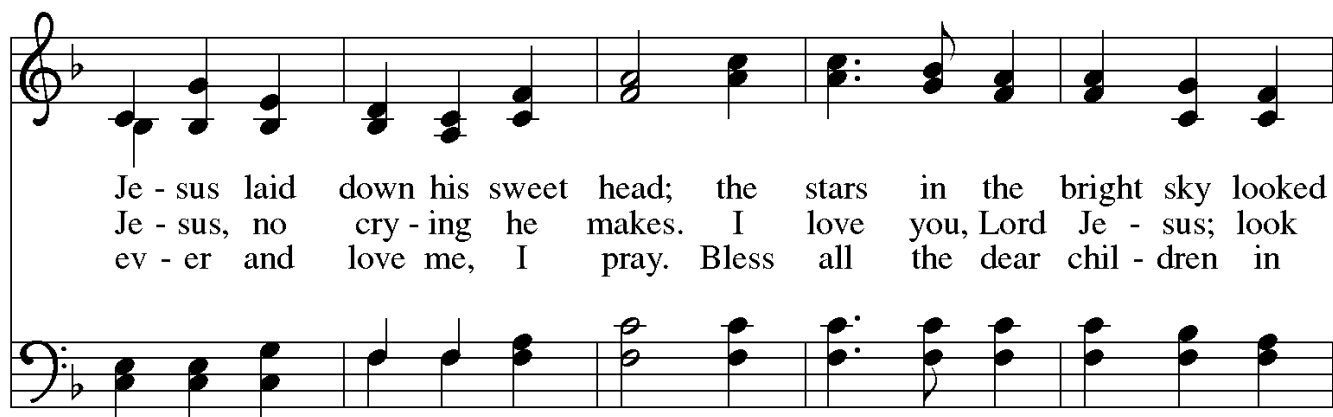
The Magnificat

Marty Haugen

1., 3. My soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God, and my
2. You have cast the might-y down from their thrones, and up -
spir - it re-joic-es in you. You have looked with love on your
lift-ed the hum-ble of heart. You have filled the hun-gry with
ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
won-drous things, and left the wealth-y no part.
Great and might-y are you, O Ho - ly One,
Great and might-y are you, O Faith - ful One,
strong is your kind-ness ev - er-more. How you fa - vor the
strong is your jus - tice, strong your love, as you prom-ised to
D.C.
weak and low-ly one, hum - bling the proud of heart!
Sar - ah and A - bra - ham, kind - ness for - ev - er - more.



1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
2 The cat - tle are low-ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn-ing is nigh.
your ten - der care and fit us for heav-en, to live with you there.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

**Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.*

***Lower case "c" means universal.*

THE PRAYERS

You are invited to either sit or kneel.

The response to each prayer will be *Merciful God, receive our prayer.*

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE *(Stand)*

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING *(Sit)*

Support the mission and ministry of Gloria Dei by giving your financial tithes and offerings by:

- *placing your offering envelope into the offering plate as it is passed.*
- *mailing to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 250 Fox Hill Road, Hampton, Virginia 23669.*
- *using the Tithe.ly app: <https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app>.*
- *using the Kiosk in the lobby.*
- *using online bill pay with your own banking institution, using your envelope number as your account number.*

For electronic offerings, see back page for QR codes.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

Johann Pachelbel

OFFERTORY CAROL (*Stand*)

Canticle of Thanksgiving

Refrain



Sal - va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for -

ev - er and ev - er. 1 Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O

God of the u - ni - verse; just and true are your ways, O

Rul - er of all the na-tions. Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and

Refrain

sing the glo - ry of your name? Sal - va-tion be-longs to our

God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

2 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, and

bless-ed is the one whose name is the Word of God. All

Refrain

praise and thanks to you, ho - ly God! Sal - va-tion be-longs to our

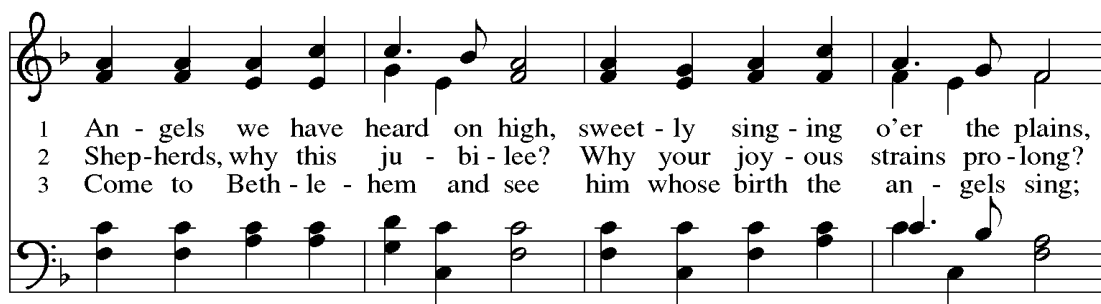
God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

OFFERING PRAYER

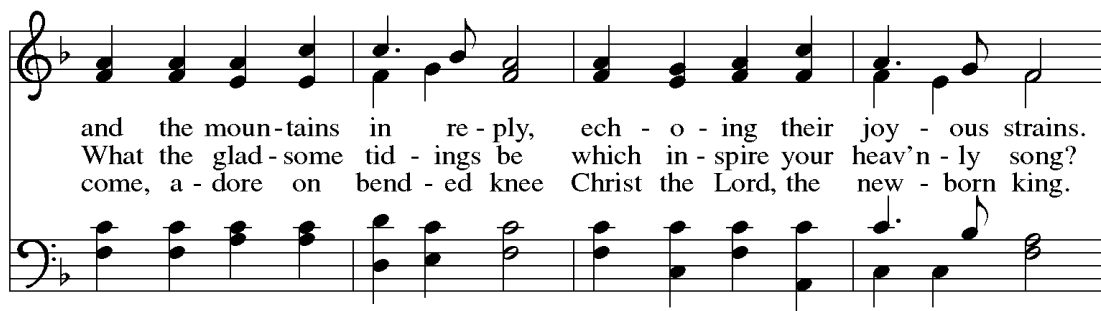
Let us pray together:

**God of our waiting and watching,
we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives
to the service of all your people.**

**Prepare the way before us
through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. Amen.**



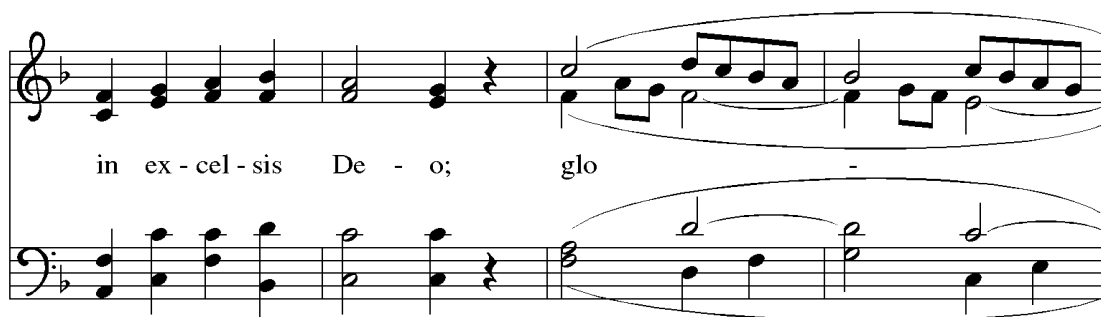
1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



Refrain
Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a




ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.



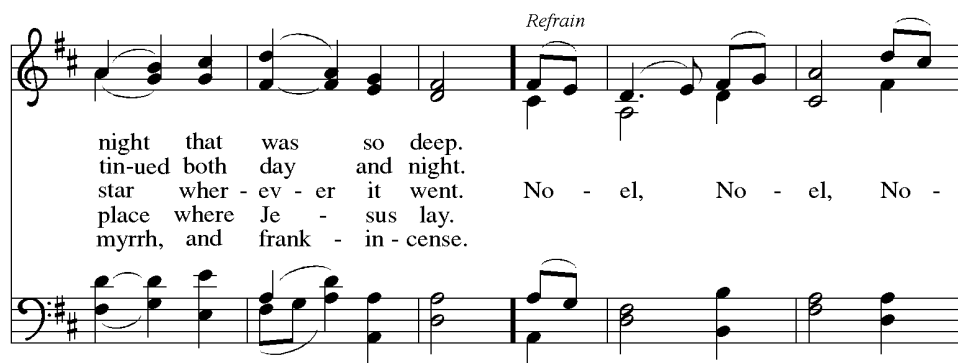
1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . a star shin - ing
 3 And by the light of that . . same star three . .
 4 This star drew near to the . . north - west, o'er . .
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . men three, full . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
 in . . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; and to the
 wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
 Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; and there it
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . so it con -
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . o - ver the
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . gold, . . . and



Refrain
 night that was so deep.
 tin - ued both day and night. No - el, No - el, No -
 star wher - ev - er it went.
 place where Je - sus lay.
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

BENEDICTION

The God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. **Amen.**

SENDING CAROL ELW 242 Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

Rejoice, Rejoice



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Sit)*

POSTLUDE *(Sit)*

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Please take this time to ponder what Christ may be calling you/us to do through today's prayers, readings, sermons, and hymns as we listen to the postlude.

If you are particularly moved by the Postlude, please hold your applause and congratulate the musician in person after worship.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.



GLORIA DEI WEEKLY

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The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Aaron and Jenny Sutherland in celebration of Jenny's birthday.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS are available for each Sunday's service on the table in the Atrium.

PARENTS, if you would like your child to have a coloring book and colored pencils during worship, please ask an usher.

RESTROOMS are located in the Atrium.

INDIVIDUAL HEARING AIDS are available from the ushers. Please return them to an usher after the service.

#1—Serving Today

COFFEE CREATORS: Sandy Dunn, Kevin Morse
GREETER: Sharon Bennett
LAY ASSISTANTS: Rita Foringer, Josh Lowman

TECHNICAL TEAM: Barry Hutchison, Derry Mace, Mike Riley,
Aaron Sutherland, Jenny Sutherland
USHERS: Tom Clasen, Don Padula

#2—Pledge Cards

If you have yet to do so, please turn in your pledge card in the next week or two. You may place your completed card in the offering plate or submit it online by visiting our website. Your pledge cards help us to plan the next year's budget. We will celebrate the pledges submitted so far and will let you know how many pledges were submitted and how much money has been pledged for 2025 on Sunday, December 8.

#3—Celebration Sunday Light Brunch

Please join us for a light brunch, consisting of croissants immediately following the worship service on **Sunday, December 8**, in celebration of our Stewardship Campaign.

#4—Watterton Fund

Kevin Watterton, spouse of Amy Watterton (long-time teacher at Gloria Dei), has been diagnosed with a rare and terminal cancer. If you would like to support the Watterton family, you may send a contribution to the church office through one of our payment methods. Please add "Watterton Fund" to the memo area of your chosen payment method.

#5—Gloria Dei Parade

Gloria Dei Lutheran School will be holding our 5th Annual Christmas Parade as a fun event for our students to attend on Friday, December 20th. We are looking for participants to help make this event memorable for students and staff. We do have some regular attendees, such as the Kecoughtan Warrior Marching Band, Mission BBQ's Bam Bam, decorated golf carts, boats, and more. We even have Santa! If you, or someone you know, would be willing to participate, please contact the school office at 757-851-6292, or send an email to Lisa Dadez (ldadez@gloriadei.net) or Jeanene Nolte (jnolte@gloriadei.net).

#6—Pastor Dave Helping St. Paul's, Hampton

As many of you are aware, our sister congregation, St. Paul's, Hampton, is without a pastor. I have agreed to be their Vice Pastor during their vacancy. As Vice Pastor my role is to attend their council meetings, visit during emergency or crisis situations, and provide pastoral oversight. It will not take away from my time at Gloria Dei. I will not be leading worship at St. Paul's; they have supply preachers for that. If you have any questions, just ask me. I ask that you pray for St. Paul's as they plan for their future.

#7—Poinsettias to Decorate for Christmas

It is time to place your order for poinsettias to decorate our Nave for the Christmas season. Each poinsettia is \$19.00 pre-paid. Deadline for ordering is **today, December 1**. Please use your packet envelope dated November 3, fill in the information on the back, and return it to the Church Office. If you are using online bill pay or *Tithe.ly*, enter how many flowers you are paying for on the memo line and then call, 757-851-2838, or email, tbialk@gloriadei.net, to let us know who the flowers are in honor of or in memory of, or if they are given to the Glory of God.

#8—Nave Chrismon Tree Set-up

On **Tuesday, December 3**, we will start at **5:00 p.m.** with tree set-up and fluffing. Pizza will be provided. If needed, we will meet again on Thursday, **December 5**.

#9—Hanging of the Greens

Hanging of the Greens will be on **Friday, December 6**, at **6:00 p.m.** Soup and hotdogs with chili will be served for dinner. We invite you to join us for singing, decorating, fellowship, and kids' activities. Nursery will be available. Please lend us your inflatable Christmas decorations for the kids' hay ride.

#10—Get Well

Pam Spring, wife of Pastor Spring (former Pastor at Gloria Dei), had a stroke and will be in a rehab facility for a few weeks. If you would like to send her get well wishes, her address is: The Rehabilitation Hospital of Montana, C/O Pam Spring, 3572 Hesper Road, Room 118, Billings, Montana 59102.

#11—Our Love and Prayers go out to...

If you have any prayer requests during the week, you may email psipes@gloriadei.net, or call the church office, 757-851-2838.

Our members: Jill Ruhl, Charlie Venable, Melvin Lanning, Debbi Ortiz, Judy Wagner St. Pierre, Buzz Hamilton, Vickie Roark, Abby Hella, Joann Morrison, Russ Morrison, Madeleine Etheridge, Dorie Scherer, Sharon Rose, Joan Ehlers, Tommy Vanorsdale, Donna Vanorsdale, Ernie Atkins, Chris Tucker, Craig Ruhl, Susan Krebs, Roger Ward, Marna Mayo, Wivi Pelt-Dettie, Bill Siefers, Max Vanpelt, Nancy Monroe, Bill Monroe, Bill Swanson, Joan Hudgins, Emily Urban

All names below will remain on the prayer list for the current month. Should you wish your loved one to remain on this list for another month, please call the church office the first week of each month to have them added.

Prayers for our families and friends:

Pam Spring, wife of Pastor Spring (former GDLC Pastor)
Claude Jarrell, friend of Fullens and Sutherlands
Inken Myers, GDLS employee
Adam Clark, friend of Jane Barefoot (GDLS employee)
Patrick Reid, friend of Thomas and Lisa Dadez
Mike and Roni Hull, grandparents of Amelia Venable
Kevin Watterton, husband of Amy Watterton (GDLS employee)
Nedra Clark, friend of Sharon Bennett
Chuck Gravley, friend of Sharon Bennett
Jane Barefoot, GDLS employee
Michelle Nisbet, GDLS employee
Larry Mullins, friend of the Fullens
Siggi Williams, friend of the Fullens and Atkins
Charlotte Tyeryar, mother of Pam Hess
Bernard Allen family, friends of Jim and Jeane Fullen
Julia Mutch, friend of Jim and Jeane Fullen
Jude (GDLS student) and Monte (GDLS parent) Kuligowski
Erin Weigel, friend of the Pfahls
Marc Schaub, brother of Kim Miller
Corie Amell, niece of Julie Hutchison
Mike May, brother of Deborah Walker, GDLS employee
Sheila May, mother of Deborah Walker, GDLS employee
Tom Vanorsdale, husband of Donna Vanorsdale

#12—Birthdays

- 1 Jacob Zamora, Joy Hough, Jenny Sutherland, Amy Etheridge
- 2 Gabe Hutchison
- 4 Dean Grimm
- 5 Crystal Via
- 6 Ann Myers
- 8 Josh Lowman

#13—Anniversaries

- 4 Gordon and Michelle Robertson
- 5 Joe and Mary Capone

#14—Cereal Offering on Sunday Mornings

Running late? Short on time? We will have milk and a small selection of cereals available before worship each Sunday morning. Please visit the Coffee Bar for available cereal choices.

#15—Members and friends serving in the military who have asked for our prayers:

Ian Bogy, USN	Husband of Tamara Bogy
Mark Bradford, USN	Husband of Marilyn Bradford
Colin Chambers, USA	Friend of Mike Canny
Ryan Curtis, USAF	Son of Lynn and Cathy Curtis
Crystal Curtis, USAF	Daughter-in-law of Lynn and Cathy Curtis
John Demitraszek, USMC	Son-in-law of Bill and Carolyn Swanson
Matthew Dudek, USA	Friend of the Venables
Tyler Green, USAF	Son-in-law of Judy Wagner St. Pierre
Nicholas Griesse, USAF	Son of Vivian Griesse
Megan Haskell, USA	Granddaughter of Buzz and Anita Hamilton
Jack Jones, USA	Family friend of Mike Canny
Dylan Kremp, USMC	Member of Gloria Dei
Kerri Masters, USA	Member of Gloria Dei
W. Allan Monroe, MSC	Son of Bill and Nancy Monroe
Matthew Morse, USMC	Son of Kevin Morse
Troy Newton, USN	Friend of Laura and Berto Lopez
Marc St. Pierre, USMC	Son of Judy Wagner St. Pierre
Paul St. Pierre, II, USCG/FSO	Son of Judy Wagner St. Pierre
Bradley Rollyson, USMC	Son of Mark and Marilyn Bradford
Steve Swanson, USN	Son of Bill and Carolyn Swanson
Nick Tavarez, USN	Grandson-in-law of Donna and Tom Vanorsdale
J.P. Venable, III, USAF	Member of Gloria Dei
Richard Williams, USAF	Husband of Stephanie Williams and Son of Joan Ehlers

#16—Next Week at Gloria Dei

Today..... FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT/
ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS
9:30 a.m. **WORSHIP**
11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
12:00 p.m. Christmas Tree Sales
Monday..... 6:00 p.m. Pack Meeting
7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting
Troop 10 Meeting
Tuesday..... 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Chrismon Tree Setup
Wednesday 12:00 p.m. Community Bible Study-H.E.L.P.
5:45 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday
Thursday 6:00 p.m. Bell Rehearsal
Friday 5:00 p.m. Christmas Tree Sales
6:00 p.m. Hanging of the Greens
8:00 p.m. Senior High Lock-in
Saturday 9:00 a.m. Christmas Tree Sales
Next Sunday..... SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9:30 a.m. **WORSHIP** – light brunch follows
11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
Prayer Shawl Ministry
12:00 p.m. Christmas Tree Sales

#17—A Pint with Pastor

Please join Pastor Dave from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on **Thursday, December 19**, at The White Oak Lodge, 3533 Kecoughtan Rd, Hampton.

#18—Christmas Caroling

Christmas Caroling begins at **11:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 22**. Carolers will travel by Gloria Dei bus. All are welcome to join in the singing. Following caroling, we will come back to the church to enjoy some more fellowship over a spaghetti lunch. **Please RSVP by signing up on the sheet provided on the table in the Narthex or you may call the Church Office, 757-851-2838, or email tbialk@gloriadei.net or psipes@gloriadei.net so we can plan on enough food.**

#19—Worship on YouTube

We are excited to make our worship more accessible to those who want to worship with us at Gloria Dei who are not physically able to be with us in the nave. YouTube is available to anyone with the internet to worship with us. To worship with us on YouTube, you will go to the link below or scan the QR code below with your smartphone. You can worship live, or at a more convenient time.

**Scan this QR code with your smartphone:
OR

**Use this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@gloriadelutheranchurchhampton>



#20—Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the second Sunday of each month in front of the fireplace following worship. **We are asking for your help!** If you knit or crochet, it would be wonderful if you would contribute to this important ministry. You don't need to "formally" join the group, however, if you are able to create a prayer shawl, a lap robe of a baptismal blanket and will donate it to the church, it would be most welcome. The church is an active community of saints and there are deaths and baptisms occurring throughout the year.

Stop past on a Sunday and see what we do. Obviously, you are welcome to join us, but if that isn't possible, please consider helping. If you have any questions, contact Rita Foringer, rforinger@verizon.net.

#21—Fellowship Bible Study

You are invited to join us in Bible study every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. We are meeting in the Simeon Center and using the Augsburg Adult Bible Study Series. This is a small group study, where you will find fellowship and a relaxed atmosphere. For information, email Sharon L. Padula at slpadula1@gmail.com.

#22—Community Bible Study

We will not meet on November 27, December 25, or January 1. Our weekly Community Bible Study is held at H.E.L.P., 329 Buckroe Avenue, on **Wednesdays at noon**. All are invited to attend. This is a great opportunity for us to learn the needs of our community and help us to become more outreach-oriented.

#23—2025 Flower Calendar

The 2025 flower calendar is posted on the bulletin board just outside the church office suite for those wishing to give the flowers for our Sunday worship services. These flowers cost approximately \$63.00. You may designate your flowers in celebration of something, in memory of someone, in honor of someone, to the glory of God, etc. You will be billed directly by *Jeff's Flowers, Of Course*. Thank you!

#24—School Employment Opportunities

Gloria Dei Lutheran School has the following positions available:

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| *Bus Drivers | *Kitchen Staff |
| *Maintenance Director | *Substitutes |
| *Afternoon Childcare Aides | *Transportation Coordinator |
| *Instructional Aide FT | |

If you are interested in applying, you can find an application online at <http://www.gdlschamptonva.com/school-forms>. Once completed, you may turn it in to the School Office at 250 Fox Hill Rd., Hampton, VA 23669, attention: Lisa Dadez.

#25—Harris Teeter School Fundraiser

Harris Teeter—You can help Gloria Dei Lutheran School raise funds by shopping at Harris Teeter. Once you ask for and receive your VIC card, you can go to <https://www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education>, click on "Link your school today," log in or register, then go to "My Account," and scroll down to "Together in Education," and click to link a school. You will then enter our School code, 6528, and click on *Gloria Dei Lutheran School*. Thank you!

#26—Papa John's School Fundraiser

Papa Johns—You can help Gloria Dei Lutheran School raise funds by shopping at www.papajohns.com or on their mobile app. Simply apply the promo code "GDLS" and 20% of your order will benefit our school. This offer applies to delivery or carryout orders year-round. All proceeds will be donated for the new playground equipment.

#27—Little Library

Our Little Library, located at the middle set of doors, gets a lot of action from parents as they are dropping off or picking up their children. We are asking that you please consider donating any children's books by placing them on the back counter at the Information Desk. These books will be used to refill when the Little Library gets low on books. Thank you for your generosity.

#28—H.E.L.P. Donations

Please, join us in filling up the red wagon to feed the hungry in our community. The following are items on their most needed list:

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| * Mac & Cheese | * Toilet Paper |
| * Juice (individual size) | * Soap |
| * Shelf-stable milk | * Peanut Butter |
| * Canned or Boxed Potatoes | |
| * Canned veggies—corn, beans, green bean | |



Christmas Eve

Worship Services

5:00 PM A brief worship service with familiar Christmas carols and special music. Perfect for families with young children.

7:30 PM A candlelight worship service with Christmas carols and special music. Pre-service music begins at 7:15 p.m.



It's back!

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Begins Saturday, November 30


6-7 ft for \$65 7-8 ft for \$80

HOURS OF OPERATION:

FRIDAYS	5 PM - 8 PM
SATURDAYS	9 AM - 7 PM
SUNDAYS	12 PM - 6 PM

All proceeds benefit our youth groups.



A festive poster for the 'Hanging of the Greens' event. The top features a red background with green pine branches and warm white string lights. The title 'HANGING of the GREENS' is prominently displayed in the center. 'HANGING' is in large, green, block letters, each letter inside a white circle. 'of the' is in a smaller, green, script font, and 'GREENS' is in large, green, block letters. Below the title, a green banner contains the date and time: 'Friday, December 6, at 6:00pm'. Underneath this, the activities are listed: 'FOOD • DECORATING • CAROLS • KIDS' ACTIVITIES PLUS NURSERY AVAILABLE!'. At the bottom, a green banner with white text reads: 'Put on your festive sweater and join us! Call the Church Office for questions.'

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A poster for 'Everybody's Got a Story' featuring a woman, Hannah B. Harvey. The poster has a red and green background. At the top left, there is a logo consisting of five colored circles (blue, red, orange, yellow, green) arranged in a circle. To the right of the logo, the text 'EVERYBODY'S GOT A STORY' is written in white capital letters on a black background. Below this, on the red background, is the title 'The Real Thing at the Beauty Parlor' in white serif font. Underneath the title is the date and time: 'Sunday, December 15, 2024 2:00 PM'. Below that is the topic: 'Appalachian & Holiday Stories'. A horizontal line separates this from the word 'Free'. Another horizontal line follows. Below that is the location: 'Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 250 Fox Hill Road Hampton, VA 23669'. A horizontal line separates this from the text 'Hampton Storytelling' and the website 'Http://hamptonstorytelling.art'. On the right side, on the green background, is a portrait of Hannah B. Harvey, a woman with long blonde hair, smiling. Below her portrait is her name 'Hannah B. Harvey' in a white script font. Underneath her name is a short bio: 'Hannah is a Professional Storyteller & a Professor for The Great Courses on the subject of Storytelling!'. Below the bio is a QR code. At the bottom, the word 'PARTNERS:' is followed by two logos: 'Virginia Humanities' and 'VIRGINIA ORGANIZING'.



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in America

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With your help, Lutheran Disaster Response will continue to be there to support people affected by Milton, Helene and any other storms that may strike this season.

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**All church gifts
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will be matched up to \$125,000!**



You are invited to

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

5:45 PM - 7:30 PM

BIBLE STUDY • FOOD • MUSIC • CRAFTS

2nd Session

Oct. 30
Nov. 6, 13, 20
Dec. 4 & 11

3rd Session

Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29
Feb. 5 & 12

4th Session

Apr. 23, 30
May 7, 14, 21 & 28

We are excited
to offer this
program to all
students in
Grades K-12.



Please scan this
QR Code to
register your
child.



Gloria Dei Annual Coat Drive

November 10-December 29



Andrew Sutherland is kicking off his annual coat drive. He is collecting coats and many other items for the homeless again this winter. There will be a collection box in the atrium. Also, there will be a drive-thru drop-off on Saturday, December 14, from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. (rain or shine). He collects items for men, women and children. All items are distributed with H.E.L.P. at A Night's Welcome shelters in Hampton and the Boys and Girls Club of the Peninsula.

WINTER GEAR Items collected (please no spring and summer items):

*Coats	*Hats	*Belts	*Socks	*Sweatshirts
*Long sleeve shirts	*Scarves	*Backpacks	*Gloves	*Sweaters

Please share the news with your family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors. Feel free to call with any questions, 757-513-4943.

Thank you for your support!!

QR Codes for Online Giving

If you would like to give electronically to the church, you can do so by scanning one of the QR codes below.

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