

*Affirmation of Faith

We are an Advent people, a people of hope.
For us, Advent is a time of waiting, and so we wait.
We wait for the coming of the One
who is the fulfillment of God's promise,
the fulfillment of hope,
the declaration that we have been redeemed.
Because we are an Advent people
we know the Holy One is coming,
to make holy once again all that was, is, and ever will be.
And in our waiting and our hoping,
we work and worship pray and play,
in all things hoping that peace, love and joy will reign
in our lives and in our world, now and forever.

Offering

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Go Tell It on the Mountain

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*A Christmas Recessional

Choir and Congregation

*Benediction

*Benediction Response 134 (vs 1 – 2)

Joy to the World

Postlude

Meditation: "Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine"
Gilbert M. Martin

*Please rise in body or spirit

Serving in Worship Today

Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson
Mary Beth Thomas, Chancel Choir Director
Andy Phillips, Pianist
Harlan, Steele Marie and Branch Mangum, Readers
St Mark Tech Team, Angel Candelaria, Lead Tech

St. Mark Chancel Choir

Pat Anderson	Julie McCarty
Pam Brant	Dinah McDougall
Melanie Doppenberg	Nalga Mebane
Wally Doppenberg	Lisa Paul
Mary Jane Ely	Woody Paul
Tina Fischer	Monica Phillips
Calleen Friedel	DeWitt Ragsdale
Curt Friedel	Betty Robertson
Bethany Hausmann	Jennifer Spencer
Dave Hughes	Dave Thomas
Norma Hughes	Ann Tucker
Mimi Markel	Sean Tucker



St. Mark Presbyterian Church
Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025

Prelude

Masters in This Hall
Robert J. Hughes

Alex Gudmundsen

Welcome and Congregational Life

Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson

*Call to Worship

One: Shout for joy!

All: The Savior is coming.

One: Sing with gladness!

All: Our darkness shall be turned to light.

One: Let every heart prepare a space.

All: Let every home make ready.

One: For a new day is dawning.

All: The world is being made new.

One: The Savior is coming.

All: Sing with joy!

*Hymn 140 (vs 1 – 2)

Once in Royal David's City

Advent Candle Lighting

Opening Words

Introit for Advent

Lighting the Advent Candle

One: Let us pray together.

All: Dear God, we pray for the joy that is in Christ to come into our lives in a new way. Help us to live our lives trusting in your Son who came that we would have abundant life and joy to the full. We ask in the name of Jesus who offers us joy. Amen.

One: As people filled with joy let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.

Dinah McDougall and Kaitlyn Chavez

Chancel Choir

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*Hymn 133 (vs 1, 3, 4)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Advent Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Festival of Carols

The First Lesson: The Fall of Adam

A Father's Love, A Perfect Rose

The Second Lesson: God's Covenant with Abraham

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Choir and Congregation

The Third Lesson: The Birth of Christ Foretold

Celtic Advent Carol

The Fourth Lesson: The Peace of Christ Foretold

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Choir and Congregation

The Fifth Lesson: The Angel Gabriel's Appearance to Mary

My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord

Ann Tucker, Soloist

The Sixth Lesson: The Birth of Jesus

Cradle Carols

Choir and Congregation

The Seventh Lesson: The Shepherds' Journey to the Manger

A Noel Celebration

The Eighth Lesson: The Magi Journey to the Child

A Christmas Invitation