

Throughout the Church...

Disciple Women - Tuesday @ 12pm
Justice Through Faith - Tuesday @ 2:30pm
Tasting Peoria - Thursday @ 6pm
Peoria International Choir Concert
- Saturday @ 7pm
Congregational meeting - Next Sunday

Holiday Potluck - Today
featuring: Peoria Area Civic Chorale



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church office if you are wanting
to use the church building.
Thank you!*



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We are an open and affirming congregation that celebrates all people as sacred creations of a loving God. We embrace the fullness of human diversity - across orientations, identities, experiences, and backgrounds - and seek to follow Christ by offering love, compassion, and acceptance to all. In that spirit, we welcome everyone to participate fully in the life, leadership, and ministry of Christ's church.

In the Company of Angels

Advent & Christmas 2025

Hanging of the Greens	11/30/25
Promised Peace	12/7/25
Moravian Love Feast	12/14/25
Christmas Cantata	12/21/25
Blue Christmas	12/22/25 - 6pm
Christmas Eve	12/24/25 - 6pm
Christmastide	12/28/25
Epiphany Sunday	1/4/26



December 7, 2025
10:30am

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Today’s Meditation
Beyond the gifts and festivities, we wait for Christ’s arrival. We pause in expectation, we long for Him to come. That is what the Advent season is all about. It’s about watching and waiting, a time of anticipation.
- Cynthia Anderson

†Please Stand If You Are Able

Fellowship of the Church

Music for Meditation & A Moment of Silence
Deck the Halls

†Call to Worship
One: Advent begins with fanfare and hope.
Many: We gather with joy, ready for the promise of this season.
One: Today we ready this sanctuary with evergreens and light.
Many: As we prepare the space, we prepare our hearts for Christ.
One: Each ribbon and candle calls out, “Make room!”
Many: We open ourselves to God’s renewing presence.
One: We stand at the beginning of the journey, watching for the first signs of dawn.
Many: Hope is stirring, and we welcome its promise.
One: Come, people of God, let us worship.
Many: With open hearts and willing hands, we begin the work of making ready.

†Opening Hymn #119
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel vss 1, 2, 4

Scripture Reading Luke 1:8-20 & Mathew 1:18-21
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

A Time of Prayer
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Advent Vision Response #153
It Came upon the Midnight Clear vs 2

Children’s Message Rev. Emily Williams

About This Service Rev. Adam Bradley

Advent Wreath
Meditation Liz White
Carol Response #155
Angels We Have Heard On High v 1

Lighting of the Crismon Tree
Meditation Rev. Adam Bradley
Carol Tuba Ensemble
The First Noel

Dressing the Windows
Meditation Rev. Mason Fitch
Carol *Angels From the Realms of Glory* vss 1, 4 #149

Decking the Chancel
Meditation Rev. Adam Bradley
Carol Tuba Ensemble
Adeste Fideles

Decorating the Walls
Meditation Rev. Mason Fitch
†Carol *People, Look East* vss 1, 3, 4 #142

Placing the Nativity
Meditation Rev. Adam Bradley
Carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Tuba Ensemble

Advent Wreath
Meditation Chris Carrico
Carol Response #155
Angels We Have Heard On High v 2

Prayer of Blessing Rev. Adam Bradley

Communion Hymn #136
Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming vss 1, 3

The Lord’s Supper
All: Here we celebrate that all people are welcome at this table of God’s grace.

Special Music Tuba Ensemble
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing/ Go Tell It On the Mountain

Offering Statement

Tithes & Offerings
If you are able, please come forward at this time to place your offering in the plate in front of the communion table.

†Doxology (words on screen)

†Dedication of Offering

†Benediction

†Congregational Response (words on screen)
The House Is Bright, Our Praise We Sing

Postlude Tuba Ensemble
Joy to the World/We Wish You a Merry Christmas

Tuba Ensemble
Ange Bertucci
Cindy Bridges
Jake Buckley
Larry Weber
Brian Woods
Heather Woods
Natalie Woods

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