

Welcome to Worship  
The Community of Faith Gathers



Welcome and Announcements

Introit                      One Holy Night in Behtlehem

Advent Candle Lighting

Reader 1: In the days of the prophet Haggai, God’s people stood before a temple that seemed too small and too fragile to hold their hopes. But God spoke a promise: “My Spirit remains among you; do not fear... The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former... and in this place I will give peace.”

Reader 2: God’s peace is not the work of our hands—it is the gift of God’s presence, still with us, still restoring, still reconciling.

**Congregation: We long for God’s peace. We prepare our lives for the Prince of Peace. We turn our hearts toward God as we wait for the one who makes all things whole.**

Reader 1: This is the song the angels proclaimed: “Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.”

Reader 2: Jesus came to reconcile us to God, to offer us peace from the inside out: peace deeper than fear, peace stronger than division, peace that nothing can shatter. His birth announces a kingdom where God’s glory shines, where all creation is restored, where every wound is healed.

**Congregation: Glory to the King of Kings! Come, Lord Jesus—bring your peace to us and to your world.**

Reader 1: Today we light the **Candle of Peace**—a sign of God’s promise, a reminder of the angels’ song, and a prayer for God’s peace to come again and again.

(The Candle of Peace is lit.)

Reader 2: Come, Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace.

**Congregation: Shine your peace in our hearts, in your church, and in your world. Amen.**

\*Hymn                      Hark! The Herald Angels sing                      # 240

*\*Please stand if comfortable to do so.*

Unison Prayer

God of peace and promise, we long for your restoring presence. Prepare our hearts to turn from all that divides and to welcome the one who brings mercy and fire, healing and hope. Shine your peace in us today. Strengthen our longing for your kingdom and guide our waiting until you come again to make all things new. Glory to the King of Kings! Come, Lord Jesus— bring your peace to our hearts, our community, and your world. Amen.

Time with the Children

Chancel Choir                      Advent Hymn

\*Scripture                      Haggai 2:1-9; Matthew 3:1-12

\*Hymn                      Infant Holy, Infant Lowly                      # 229

Message

Praise and Prayer for the People

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 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. Amen**

Opportunity to give our tithes, gifts, and offerings

\*Doxology                      # 238

**Praise God, From whom all blessings flow; praise, all creatures here below, God above, ye heavenly host: Father , Son, and Holy Ghost. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

\*Offertory Prayer

Hymn of Preparation                      Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence v 1-2                      # 626

The Sacrament of Communion

\*Hymn                      Angels We Have Heard on High                      # 238

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction**

*The Angel Song is True*

**Postlude**

*Flowers today are given by Cheryl Smith in loving memory of her parents Pete and Shirley Amos, and her sister Cynthia Graham.*

***Welcome to Penfield United Methodist Church***

We are so glad you’re here! Please be sure to fill out your information on the Friendship Pad in your pew. For more information about us, please visit our Website at <https://www.pumcny.org> or pick up a copy of our newsletter or church brochure in the Narthex to learn more about how you can be part of our church family. ***You’re always welcome here!***

**Staff & Worship Participants**

Pastor:	Rev. Kim Ferrel
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Family Ministries Coordinator:	Breanna Lawrence
Choir Director & Organist:	Greg Doscher
Bell Choir Director:	Greg Doscher
Children & Youth	Caitlin Doi
PUMP (Preschool):	Susan Marren
Worship Leader:	Cheryl Smith
Greeter:	Brenda and Bob Bundy
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# ***Penfield United Methodist Church***



**December 7, 2025**  
**9:00AM**

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***“Love God, Love Others, Serve Our Community”***