

**Zion Lutheran Church
Glen Rock, PA
First Sunday of Advent
LBW Holy Communion Setting One
Sunday, November 30, 2025**

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE:**

“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” (LBW 34, verse 1)

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (LBW p. 56)**

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may

**delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

Amen

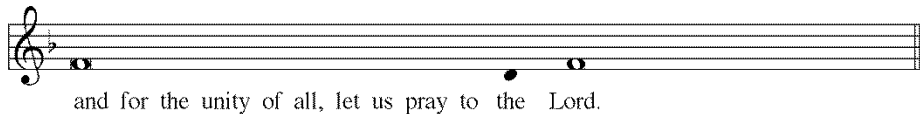
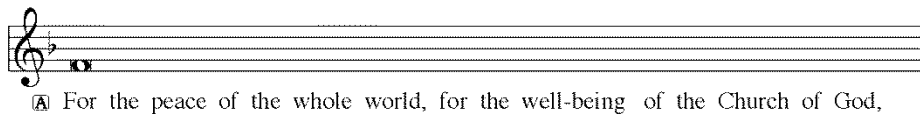
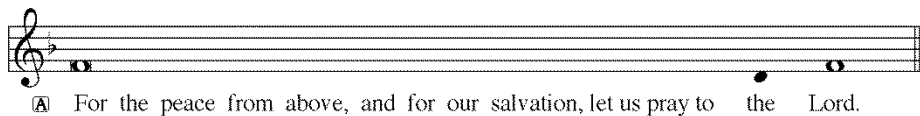
***ENTRANCE HYMN: “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”** LBW (green) 23

***APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 57)**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE (LBW p. 57)



(A) For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
 let us pray to the Lord. (C) Lord, have mer - cy.
 (A) Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. (C) A - men

***HYMN OF PRAISE: “People Look East”**

WOV (blue) 626, verse 1

***PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 62)**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

ANTHEM: “Once He Came in Blessing”

Children’s church dismissal: All children are invited to the Nursery, at this time.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 2:1-5

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come

the mountain of the LORD’s house
 shall be established as the highest of the mountains
 and shall be raised above the hills;
 all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say,
 “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
 to the house of the God of Jacob,
 that he may teach us his ways
 and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵ O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 122

¹ I was glad when they ¹ said to me,
“Let us go to the house ¹ of the LORD.”

² **Now our ¹ feet are standing
within your gates, ¹ O Jerusalem.**

³ Jerusalem is built ¹ as a city
that is at unity ¹ with itself;

⁴ **to which the tribes go up, the tribes ¹ of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name ¹ of the LORD.**

⁵ For there are the ¹ thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the ¹ house of David.

⁶ **Pray for the peace ¹ of Jerusalem:**
“May they pros- ¹ per who love you.

⁷ Peace be with- ¹ in your walls
and quietness with- ¹ in your towers.

⁸ **For my brethren and com- ¹ panions’ sake,
I pray for ¹ your prosperity.**

⁹ Because of the house of the ¹ LORD our God,
I will seek to ¹ do you good.”

SECOND LESSON: Romans 13:11-14

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (LBW p. 62)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th chapter.

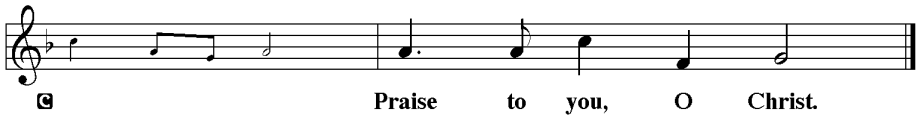


Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶ “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his

house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON (LBW p. 83)

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** “Comfort, Comfort Now My People” LBW (green) 29

***APOSTLES CREED (LBW p. 64)**

With the whole church, we confess our faith.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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**

***THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (LBW p. 65)**

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

God of the people, we come seeking wisdom and instruction. Uphold and strengthen lay leaders, teachers, deacons, pastors, and bishops. Teach us your ways and lead us in your paths. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of the earth, we seek your goodness in the grandeur of creation. Empower us to care for forests and oceans, as we see you in the world around us. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of the nations, grant wisdom to leaders, judges, and mediators. Cast out words of hate and transform them into words for building up community. Remake implements of war to sow peace. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of healing, bring comfort and strength. We pray for our kindred and companions who are ill or despairing (*especially*). Surround all with care and consolation. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of new possibilities, when addiction wounds, jealousy tears down, and relationships fray, show us how to journey with one another. Nurture therapists, counselors, and sponsors in their care for others. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of all time, build up our lives that we would reflect your grace. At the last, bring us with all the saints to your holy city where peace and goodness make a home. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

Amen.

***PEACE (LBW p. 66)**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

***PRESENTATION OF OFFERING**

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE: (LBW p. 66)**

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 67)**

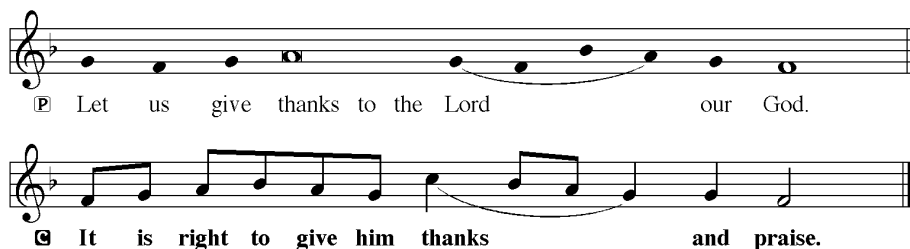
Let us pray.

Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

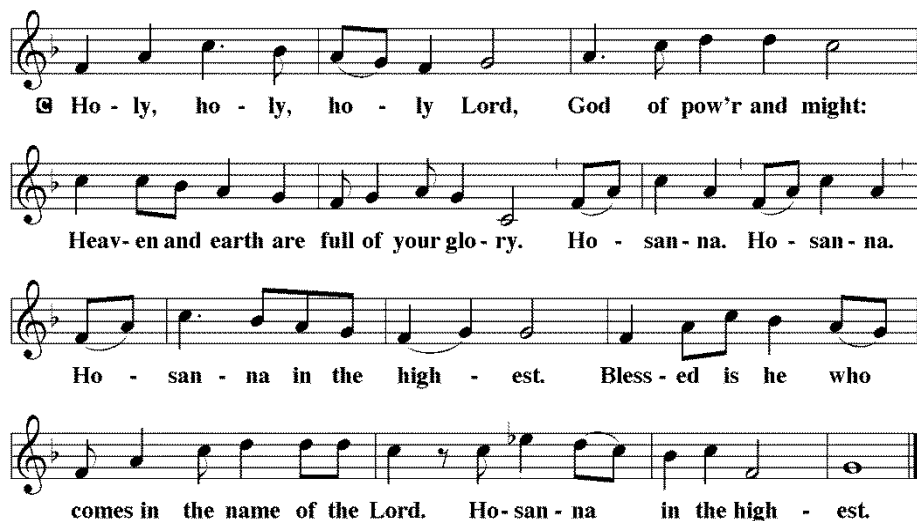
***DIALOGUE (LBW p. 68)**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



*PREFACE (LBW p. 68)

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 70)

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you

for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

***LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 71)**

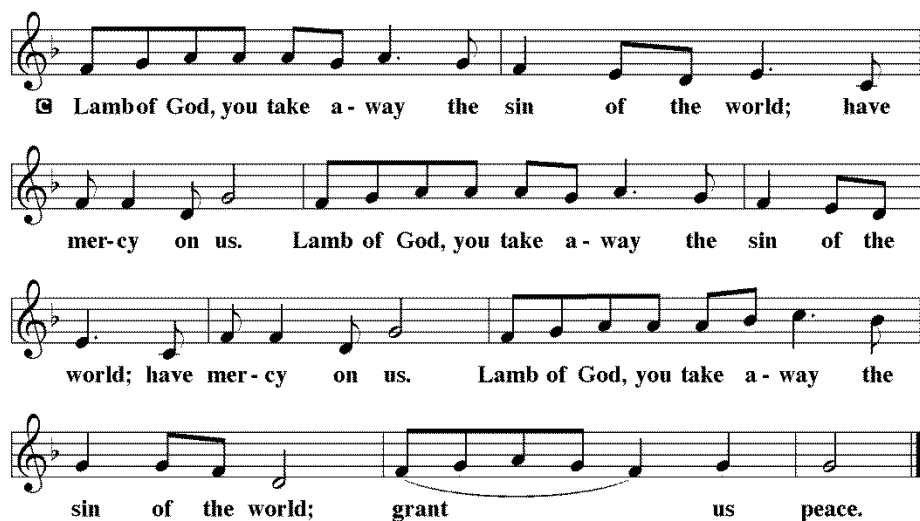
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

***COMMUNION HYMN (LBW p. 72)**



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

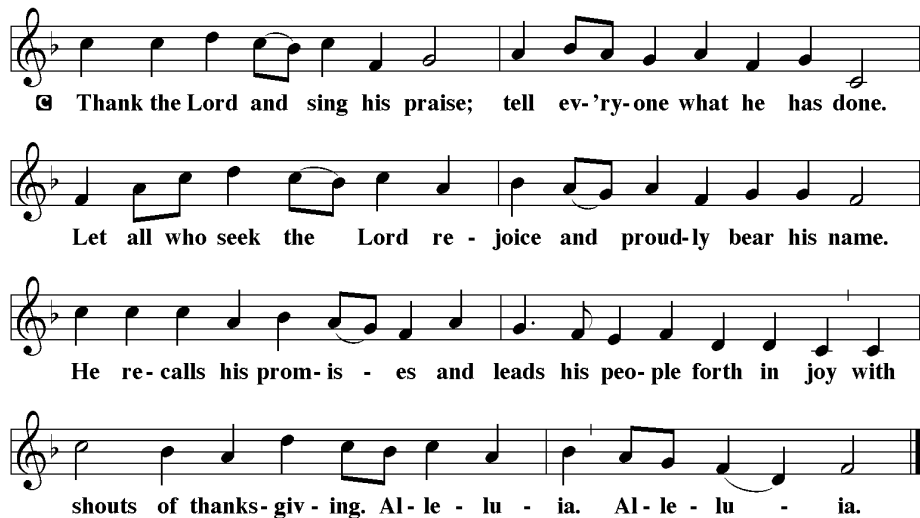
COMMUNION (LBW p. 72)

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND CANTICLE (LBW p. 72)**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**



Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.
 He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with
 shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p.74)

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

***BLESSING (LBW p. 74)**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen

***SENDING HYMN: “O Zion, Haste”**

LBW (green) 397

***DISMISSAL (LBW p. 74)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Today’s communion elements are presented to the Glory of God by Butch & Susie Hengst.

Today’s altar flower arrangement is presented in memory of Donald Batchelor, by Donna Price.

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 12/7/2025

Isa 11:1-10, Ps 72:1-7, 18-19, Rom 15:4-13, Matt 3:1-12

PRAYER REQUESTS

Keith Copenhaver, James Thompson, Ron Goodling, Randy Ruth, Joann King,
Trey Tomaschko, Lou Tomaschko, Beth Hennessey, Suzanne Becker,
Chad Smith, Brian Phelps, Glenn and Linda Engler, Tim Myers,
Bonni Whitman, Jon Stiffler, Shirley Seitz, Sandy Fair, Diane Moul

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Zion! We are glad you are here today. After worship, you are invited to a time of fellowship with coffee and snacks in the social hall directly beside the sanctuary.

Communion is offered every Sunday. Wine and apple juice are both available. All are welcome.

Today we welcome Rev. Martin Zimmann to lead us in worship.

A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, December 14th, immediately after worship. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed 2026 budget. Copies of the proposed 2026 budget are available near the table with the bulletins, at the back of the sanctuary.

Members of our “Sister Church”, We do not know how to express our deep gratitude and appreciation for all of the kindness shown to our family during Randy’s illness and now as he recovers. The road to a diagnosis for a rare bacteria in his lung was a scary one. Your prayers, calls, texts, visits, cards, food, and hugs, warmed our hearts and kept up going. Thank you and God bless you all. Randy and Melissa Ruth - Friedensaal Lutheran Church

Glen Rock’s Tree Lighting will take place tonight from 6:30-8pm at the borough tree located beside the ambulance building near the intersection of Main St and Water St. Santa will arrive on the firetruck at 7:00pm.

Christmas in Glen Rock will take place on Saturday, December 6th and Sunday, December 7th from 11am – 4pm. Several locations around downtown Glen Rock will be participating including the Glen Rock Mill Inn, Main St Market, the Hufnagel Library, and Zion Lutheran Church.

It is time to start gathering goodies for Zion’s VIPs for the holiday season. The VIPs include Sandy Fair, Shirley Henry, Marlene Batchelor, and Rev. Allan Wysocki. Needed items include peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, ChapStick, Hershey kisses, small peppermint patties, and homemade cookies. Cards for Sandy, Shirley, Marlene, and Rev. Wysocki will be collected at the church. Items for the goodie bags should be given to Marian Williams. The deadline is Sunday, 12/7.

Cards, in white/plain envelopes only, can be mailed to Tanya Krout at Smart Communications/PA DOC, SCI Cambridge Springs, Tanya Krout 006199, P.O. Box 33028, St Petersburg FL 337733.

CHRISTMAS... a time for giving and sharing! The Christian Education Committee will, once again, be collecting Gifts of Warmth this year (hats, scarves, mittens, etc) to adorn the Christmas tree which is set up in the Upstairs Fellowship Hall. The tree will be available for your donations through December 28, 2025. Donations for children, teens, women, and men are greatly appreciated! All donations will be delivered to Coats of Friendship at the end of the collection period. Questions may be directed to any member of the committee: Jeff Hoffman, Pam Hoffman, Evelyn Roser, and Pam Spangler. **As we prepare for the birth of our Savior, let us remember the true spirit of the season and share God's bountiful blessings.**

The Glen Rock Carolers will be performing a free indoor concert at the New Freedom Senior Center on Sunday, December 7th at 7pm. The New Freedom Senior Center is located at 150 E. Main St, New Freedom, next to Rose Fire Company. The Glen Rock Carolers will also have a free indoor concert at Zion Lutheran Church on Wednesday, December 24th at 10:45pm.

The Loose Change offering plate is available every Sunday. At the end of the month, the total collected for that month will be sent to the chosen organization. **Our loose change collection for November will benefit Wreaths Across America.** The Auxiliary for the Austin L. Grove American Legion organizes the laying of wreaths on veterans' graves in Glen Rock annually during the month of December, in partnership with Wreaths Across America. Over 525 veterans' graves are included in this effort locally.

Services are recorded and streamed live each week on Zion Lutheran Church's Facebook page. It is possible during the recording that people attending the service will be filmed. If you have any concerns about being filmed, please contact the office at 717-235-3276.

Announcements for the weekly bulletin are due to the office by early Tuesday morning so bulletin work can be completed by the end of the day on Tuesday. This schedule allows time for the bulletin to be sent to the presiding pastor for the upcoming week and allows the website committee time to post the

bulletin on Zion's website. Announcements can be emailed to Brenda at office@zionglenrock.org.

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Tom Bailey, Jeff Brown, Chad Fisher, Rick Freda, Pam Hoffman, Gail Prego, Donna Price, and Jen Webb

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Assisting Ministers:

November 30: Diane Bortner

December 7: Donna Price

December 14: George Brown

December 21: Butch Hengst

December 24: Jeff Hoffman

December 28: Lessons and Carols

Lectors:

November 30: Donna Price

December 7: Linda Beegle

December 14: Nate Rogers

December 21: Jen Webb

December 24: Kelley Fisher

December 28: Lessons and Carols

Council Offering Duty:

November – Jeff Brown and Rick Freda

December – Donna Price and Gail Prego

Altar Care:

November – Donna Price

December – Linda Beegle



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