

Sing Loud for All to Hear!

Carol/Hymn Sing | December 28, 2025

MEDITATION

*"The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear."
–Buddy The Elf, from the movie Elf*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS

L: And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **P: And also with you.**

PRELUDE

"The Birthday of a King!"

*Music: W. H. Neidlinger
Transcribed: William Stickles*

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Thom M. Shuman)*

Linda Thomas, Deacon

L: Snow-capped hills and sand castles on the beach,

All: Comets flashing across the night, meteors crashing into moons,

L: Dolphins playing tag in the oceans and trout resting on river bottoms,

All: Crows resting on chimney tops, and doves cooing in the mornings.

L: Children making angels in the snow, teenagers knotting in hallways,

All: Grandparents watching favorite movies, nervous singles on a first date.

L: All creation joins in one song:

All: Praise the Lord! Alleluia to God on high!

*SONG OF PRAISE

"Angels We Have Heard on High" **Refrain only 2x**

Red 116

UNISON OPENING PRAYER

Linda Thomas, Deacon

Thank you, Lord for melodies and harmonies, for voices of every pitch. Thank you for composers and poets, for instruments and musicians. Thank you for ears to hear and minds to comprehend the gift that was given so long ago, and the gifts you still give today. You know the needs and pains of each one here, you meet us where we are. Immanuel, God with us, be the song we sing, yours the melody we carry. May your song of peace ring out through everything we say and do this Christmas season. Bless this time we share together. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen

***OPENING HYMN**

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

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WORD FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN

Lisa Allen, Church Life Co-Director

ANTHEM

“Hope Has a Name”

Choir & Junior Choir

Words/Music: Jacob Sooter, Sean Curran & Kristian Stanfill

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 148

Linda Thomas, Deacon

L: The Word of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

CAROL/HYMN SING

PASTORAL PRAYER & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

During the prayers of the people, you are invited to voice your joys and concerns out loud. When names are spoken, all invited to respond, “O Lord, hear our prayers.”

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*trespasses*)

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. All are invited to sing “Amen”. (Black 812)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

“Kum Ba Yah”

Cherub & Junior Choir

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love had done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One Amen.

***UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Holy God, in times where crowds may be shouting one thing or another, we join our voices together to shout your praises. We honor your great gift to us by giving you these gifts, giving you our praise, giving you our worship. Receive these gifts today in Jesus's name. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Hark! The Herald Angel Sing"

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***SENDING** (*Thom M. Shuman*)

L: Let us go to praise our God!

All: We will sing of God's hope as we offer compassion to the hurting.

L: Let us go to praise the Brother of the poor!

All: We will offer psalms of passion as we seek to lift others to new life.

L: Let us go to praise the Spirit of humility.

All: We will join in canticles of conciliation and peace for our broken world.

SUNG BENEDICTION

"Blessing"

Choir

Words/Music: Natalie Sleeth

POSTLUDE

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!"

Felix Mendelssohn

Transcribed: William Stickles

** Please stand in body or spirit.*

Many thanks to the volunteers who enriched our morning together!

Tech Deacon, Amelia Allen; **Choir**, Linda Thomas, Joyce Kenneally, Meg Tivey, Alan King, Chris Polloni, Clifford Moore, Malcolm Donald; **Cherub Choir**, Bella, Kiki and Colby, Iyanu; **Junior Choir**, Bea and Keira, accompanied by Paul Smith on guitar. **Hospitality**, Sue Long; **Food donation**, Janet King

Leading worship today: Linda Thomas, Deacon, Stephanie Miles, Music Director, Lisa Allen, Church-life co-director

NEW HERE TODAY?

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here!

To help you navigate Sunday mornings with us, please see the guide below.

1. **Order of Worship:** **An asterisk means stand in body or spirit. **Bold text** is spoken in unison.*
 2. **Kid's Connection:** *On Communion Sundays the children join us in worship as they engage in activities in their pray space.*
 3. **TAKE TWO** *is an adult faith formation group that meets after worship with Lisa Allen every other Sunday. Join the discussion this Sunday.*
 4. **Coffee and Conversation:** *You are welcome to gather with us after worship to meet some new friends in the Covenant Room, down the hall on the right.*
 5. **Have Questions?** *Please reach out to Rev. Christina or the Deacon of the day.*
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