

Order of Worship

*December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent*

Gathering Call and Wreath Lighting

Preparing our hearts and minds for worship

Announcements

Hearing the news of the church

Song of Worship, Hymn #432, Speak, O Lord*

to God in praise

Scripture Reading, Matthew 2: 1-23

Hearing the word of God

Song of Worship, Hymn #162, Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Responding to God in praise

Blessing & Dismissal of Our Kids

One generation blessing the next

Congregational Prayer

Praying together in the Presence of the Holy Spirit

Our Father who is in heaven
Hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom and power and glory forever. Amen.

Offering

Giving to God as an act of trust and worship

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.
*Doxology**

Special Music, Adore Him/O Come, All Ye Faithful, Choir

Receiving the ministry of music

Sermon, "The Greatest Upside Down Story Ever Told: From Power to Hope"

Drawing closer to God through His word

Respond and Reflect

Making room for God to speak to our hearts

Not Just a Baby (video)

Reflecting on Christ

Song of Worship, Hymn #175, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Responding to God in praise

Benediction*

Receiving a blessing as we leave to be a blessing to the world

*Scott Lambert, Interim Pastor
Ed Warren, Prayer Leader
Ivan Beckman, Lay Reader*

Prayers

Prayers we have received

- Jeff Balch and his family. Beverly died Wednesday, December 10.
- The family of Cora Hayes Moses, who died Tuesday, December 2
- Healing for Krista Robbins
- Susan Hardy
- Laurie's brother
- Marjorie's friend Ellen
- John and Becky's nephew Mickey
- All those with longterm illnesses
- All the committees and individuals working to further our church and its mission
- Our youth group, Sunday school, and their leaders
- Praises that Garlan Hoskin is home from the hospital

Announcements and Coming Events

For more information, check out our events calendar at
www.etnahanovertcenterchurch.org/events

Advent: The season of Advent has arrived — the time when we anticipate the birth of Christ. It is a time of happy expectation. We hope this Christmas time is one of love and hope for you and yours.

Christmas Potluck: Our Christmas holiday potluck luncheon is a longstanding tradition! This year, please plan to join our church family after worship service on **Sunday, December 21**. Plan to join us for lunch, please! We ask you to bring a dish to share if you are able to do so.

Christmas Eve Service: We will celebrate the birth of Christ with a service at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 24. Traditionally, this has been a service of the Christmas story and carols. Come and rejoice!

News from LISTEN: LISTEN's food pantry and dining hall are running low on food as demand for meals and groceries has surged. The good news is the the NH Food Bank has been able to give us some additional help, but it won't be enough to meet the need we are seeing. Every donation, large or small, will help keep shelves stocked and meals served to anyone who turns to LISTEN this season. You can give on the LISTEN website (<https://www.listencs.org/make-a-donation-now>) or write a check to LISTEN Community Services, 60 Hanover Street, Lebanon, NH 03766.

Bible Discussions: Spend some time in the Word with friends.

Our **Sunday morning** Bible discussion group *is* meeting 9 - 9:45 a.m. in Trumbull Hall. Danielle Fidele will be leading a discussion of Second Corinthians in Trumbull Hall.

Our **Wednesday morning** Bible discussion group meets weekly at **10 a.m.** in Trumbull Hall to talk about Sunday's scripture reading and sermon.

Our Bible discussions are lively, thought-provoking, and Spirit-led. They also offer coffee and snacks! Please join us whenever you are able to do so. No previous experience required!