

Order of Worship

December 7, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent

Announcements

Hearing the news of the church

Gathering Call and Wreath Lighting

Preparing our hearts and minds for worship

Song of Worship, Come, Holy Spirit/Emmanuel*

Responding to God in praise

Scripture Reading, Luke 1: 1-4 and 26-38

Hearing the word of God

Song of Worship, Hymn #449, Because He Lives

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**

Song of Worship, Joy (video)

Responding to God in praise

Song of Worship, Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come, Hymn #181*

Responding to God in praise

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

Drawing closer to God through His word

Respond and Reflect

Making room for God to speak to our hearts

Song of Worship, Mary, Did You Know* (video singalong)

Responding to God in praise

The Nicene Creed

Confessing the faith with the family of God

The Lord's Supper

Partaking in Christ's Salvation together

Leader: Christ has died.

People: Christ is risen.

Together: Christ will come again.

Song of Worship, Hymn #389, *Blest Be the Tie** (verse 1)

Responding to God in praise

Benediction*

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

*Scott Lambert, Interim Pastor
Ivan Beckman, Prayer Leader
Mert Hamill, Lay Reader*

Prayers

Prayers we have received

- The family of Cora Hayes Moses, who died Tuesday, December 2. Cora, a sister of Maxine and Norma, was a faithful member of the church for many years.
- All the committees and individuals working to further our church and its mission
- Susan Hardy
- Laurie's brother
- Marjorie's friend Ellen
- Beverly Balch
- John and Becky's nephew Mickey
- All those with longterm illnesses
- Our youth group, Sunday school, and their leaders
- Help us to feel your love, Lord, and share it with others

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. The Joyful Bells will be providing Christmas music after worship this morning in Trumbull Hall. Come and enjoy!

Creches: Our church will again offer a quiet retreat from the hustle and bustle of the holidays with our second "Community Creches." The church sanctuary will be open for setting up creches:

Monday, Dec. 8: **1:00-3:00**, Tues. Dec. 9: **4:30-6:00**, and Wed. Dec. 10:

11:00 - 1:30

The sanctuary will be **open for viewing creches**:

Thurs. Dec. 11 **noon - 6:00 PM**, and

Fri. Dec. 12 **4:30 - 6:30 PM**

For those who are sharing their creches, please come back to pick up your creche: Saturday Dec. 13 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Come enjoy a quiet time with these artistic renderings of the nativity.

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!

Funeral for Cora Moses: The memorial service for Cora Moses will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 13, in the sanctuary.

Collection for The Haven: Contributions for the Haven are being collected today. Items can be placed in Trumbull Hall, and Karen Hoffmeister will make the delivery to The Haven.

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!