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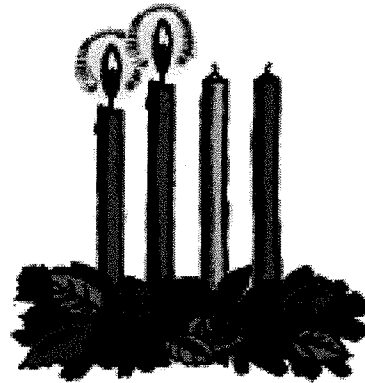
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Second Sunday in Advent

December 7, 2025

Verse for Meditation:

Micah 5:4-5a

“He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. And he will be their peace.”

WELCOME

* INVOCATION

Pastor Paul Thwaite

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Ryan, Kaylee, & Westyn

* HYMN

“Oh Come All Ye Faithful”

No. 193

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, you are our peace, and our souls have no peace until we find it in our relationship to you. Out of our restlessness we confess to you our own self-inflicted pain and stifled growth. You have given us potential, but so often we avoid the self-discipline necessary to becoming the persons you have created us to be. Forgive us, Lord. You have given us vision, but too often we let fear or laziness thwart the possibilities, opportunities and challenges you place before us. Forgive us, Lord, and grant us, in your grace, a renewed faith, a right mind, and the peace which is beyond understanding. In Christ's name we ask it, Amen.

(Now follows a brief time for silent, personal confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* PRAISE: *"Gloria Patri"*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end, Amen, Amen.

*RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 85:8-13

Leader: I will listen to what God the Lord will say; he promises peace to his people, his saints - but let them not return to folly.

People: Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Leader: Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

People: Faithfulness springs up from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven.

Leader: The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.

People: Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

* GREETING - PASSING THE PEACE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-9

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹ They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ² 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' ³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' "

⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹ Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

* Confession of Faith: Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 56

Q. How is Christ exalted by coming again to judge the world?

A. Coming again to judge the world exalts Christ, who was unjustly judged and condemned by wicked men. His coming again at the last day in great power will fully reveal his own and his Father’s glory, and with all his holy angels, accompanied by a shout of command, the voice of the archangel, and the trumpet of God, he will judge the world in righteousness.

*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

* HYMN “When the King Shall Come Again”

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF SELF AND SERVICE

* Doxology:

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

* HYMN

“What Child Is This, Who Laid to Rest?”

No. 180

BENEDICTION

* RESPONSE:

*God be with you 'til we meet again,
if life's trials should confound you,
God will put His arms around you:
God be with you 'til we meet again.*

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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Latin: John F. Wade
Tr. by Frederick Oakeley

Let us go even unto Bethlehem. — Luke 2:15

ADESTE FIDELES
John F. Wade's *Cantus Diversi*
Descant by Fred Bock

1 O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phunt, O come ye, O
2 Sing, choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion, O sing, all ye
3 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap-py morn-ing, O Je-sus, to

1 come ye to Beth-le-hem; Come and behold Him, born the King of an-gels;
2 cit-i-zens of heaven a-bove; Glo-ry to God, all glo-ry in the high-est;
3 Thee be all glo-ry given; Word of the Fa-ther, now in flesh ap-pear-ing;

Descant
O come, O come,

O come, let us a-dore Him, O come, let us a-dore Him,

O come, let us a-dore Him, Christ, the Lord. A-men.

O come, let us a-dore Him, Christ, the Lord. A-men.

534 When the King Shall Come Again

1 When the King shall come a - gain all his power re - veal - ing;
 2 In the des - ert trees take root, fresh from God's cre - a - tion;
 3 Strength-en fee - ble hands and knees; faint - ing hearts, be cheer - ful!
 4 There God's high-way shall be seen where no roar - ing li - on,

splen - dor shall an - nounce his reign, life and joy and heal - ing:
 plants and flowers and sweet - est fruit join the cel - e - bra - tion.
 God who comes for such as these, seeks and saves the fear - ful.
 noth - ing e - vil or un - clean walks the road to Zi - on:

earth no long - er in de - cay, hope no more frus - trat - ed;
 Riv - ers spring up from the earth, bar - ren lands a - dorn - ing;
 Deaf ears hear the si - lent tongues sing a - way their weep - ing;
 ran - somed peo - ple, home - ward bound, all your prais - es voic - ing,

this is God's re - demp - tion - day long - ing - ly a - wait - ed.
 val - leys, this is your new birth; moun - tains, greet the morn - ing!
 blind eyes see the life - less ones walk - ing, run - ning, leap - ing.
 see your Lord with glo - ry crowned, share in his re - joic - ing!

180 What Child Is This, Who, Laid to Rest?

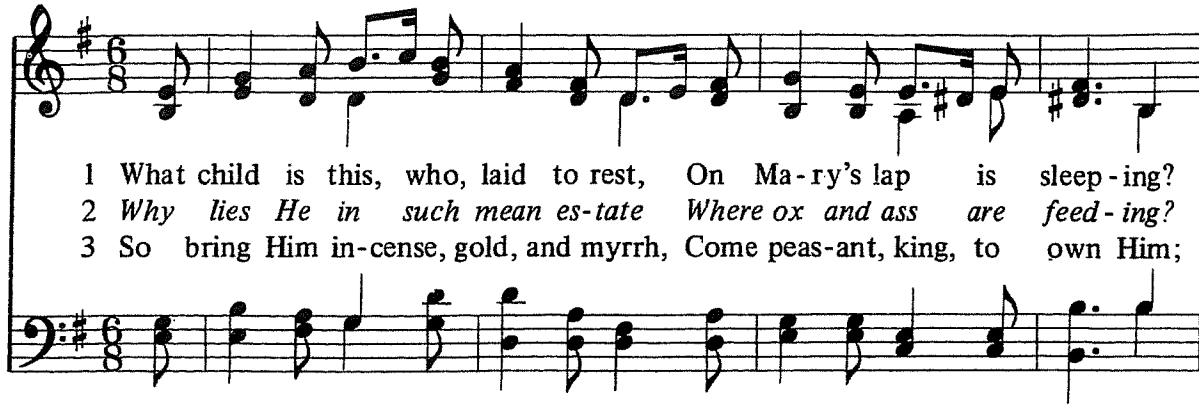
... What manner of child shall this be? — Luke 1:66

GREENSLEEVES

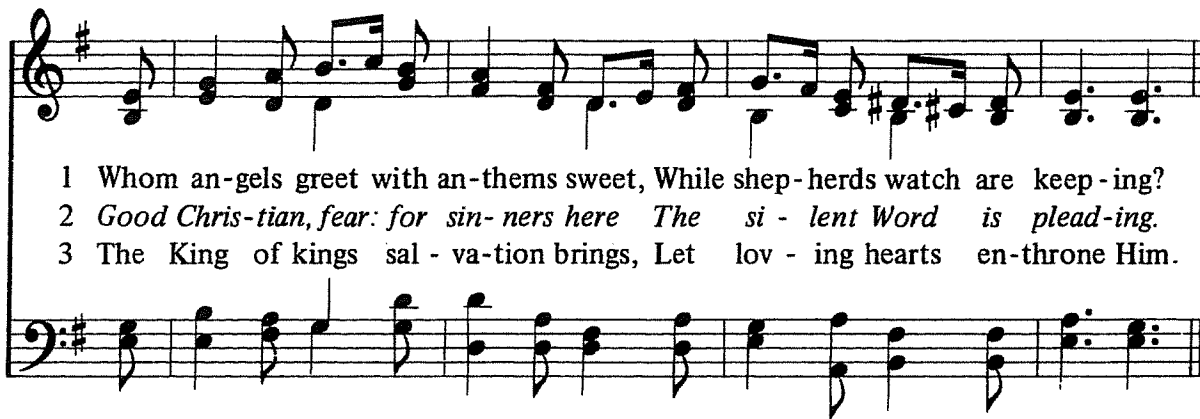
English Melody

Harmonized by John Stainer

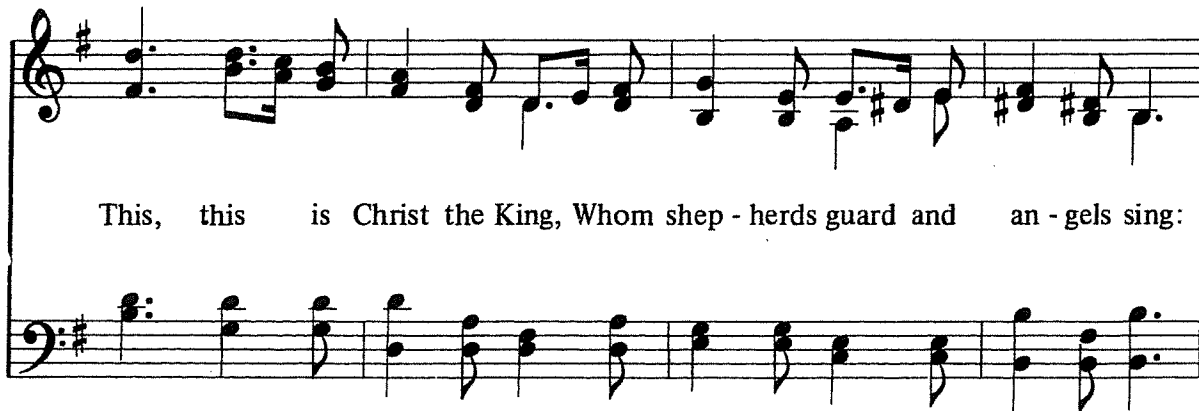
William C. Dix



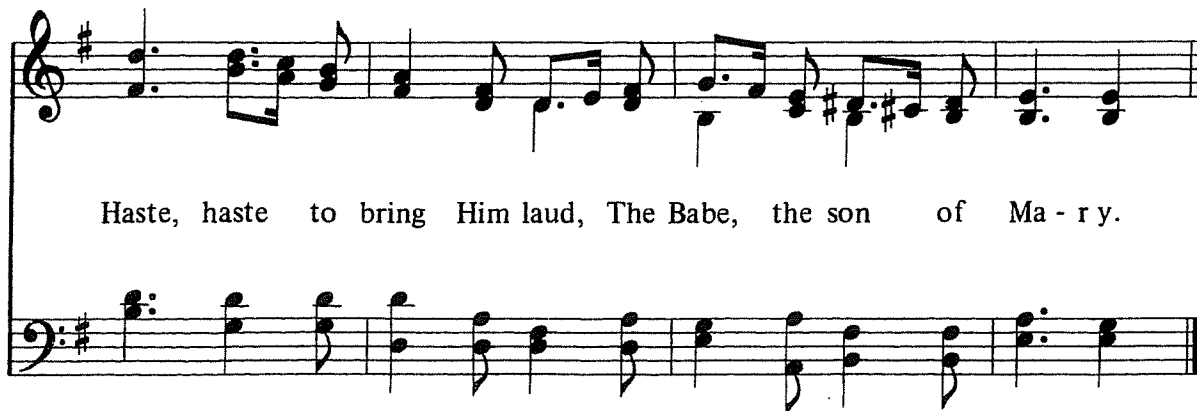
1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma-ry's lap is sleep-ing?
 2 Why lies He in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are feed-ing?
 3 So bring Him in-cense, gold, and myrrh, Come peas-ant, king, to own Him;



1 Whom an-gels greet with an-thems sweet, While shep-herds watch are keep-ing?
 2 Good Chris-tian, fear: for sin-ners here The si-lent Word is plead-ing.
 3 The King of kings sal-va-tion brings, Let lov-ing hearts en-throne Him.



This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing:



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the son of Ma-ry.

Liturgist – Eileen Russell **Greeters** – Jules Simon & Barb Gaylord

STAFF

Pastor	
Director of Music/Accompanist	Mayim Stith
Custodian	Tim Guffey
Secretary	Mary Beth Katonik

SESSION ELDERS

Bonnie Craig/ Class of 2025 412-400-9284	Diana Hicks/ Class of 2025 412-384-3675
Linda Leggett/ Class of 2026 412-901-0149	Julius Simon/ Class of 2027 412-480-7260
Lisa Wagner/ Class of 2025 412-650-5482	Gayle Larcinese/ Class of 2027 412-860-4659
Clerk of Session / Class of 2027	Bob Leggett 412-384-4175

TRUSTEES

Finance / Jackie Karnes	Support /
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President / Jackie Karnes	

DEACONS

<i><u>Class of 2025</u></i>	<i><u>Class of 2026</u></i>	<i><u>Class of 2027</u></i>
Laurie Ferraton	Robin Lane	Kevin Fritz
Tanya Jackson	Eileen Russell	Bill Leggett
Mayim Stith	Bob Zirkle	Leslee Schwirian
Moderator of Deacons / Tanya Jackson & Eileen Russell		

MONTH/YTD INCOME & EXPENSE

Month/Year to Date	Nov. 2025	Nov. 2025 YTD	2024 YTD
Weekly Offering/Gen Fd	\$9,105.00	\$125,145.00	\$136,105.00
Payments	\$15,301.00	\$128,409.00	\$146,103.00
Checking account balance as of November 30, 2025: \$13,070.41			



Electronic Giving Code



December 7, 2025

Intercessory Prayer Group - gathers in the C.E. building on Tuesday at 10:00 AM; open to all. We are praying for weekly prayer requests along with other concerns as led by God's Spirit.

Prayer Requests: Email dreamstogo2@gmail.com or fill in a prayer request form and place it in the offering plate. **Prayer requests for the following were received this past week; please include them in your prayers:**

Blake, Cass family, Mia Donato, Houston family, Bev Hyde, Jack Soncini, Bill Ulmer

On-Going Requests: Joanne Boback, Barry Branik, Elfriede Christ, Steven Evans, Caleb Fritz, Byron Harris, Frank & Sandy Hayden, Janet LaFrankie, New Life Options, Blake Stover, Glenn Wagner, Round Hill Home Church, Round Hill Leaders & Support Staff, Growth of the Congregation of Round Hill Church, Children & Teens at RHPC, Round Hill Church's transition, President Trump & Governing Leaders

Military: Aaron Baumann, Ben Elder, Matthew Gross, Corey Hobough, Hanna Meisner, Noah Reed, Aerion Salas, Joram Stith, Grayson Wonsettler, Samuel Wonsettler, and all those serving in the Armed Services

College Students: Ava Karnes, Audra Morgan, Luke Napoli, Corrine Wright

Special Prayer: Pastoral Search Committee, Nominating Committee

Prayers for POA Churches: First Presbyterian Church of Barton, MD

Prayers for EPC Missionaries: Elias, Caris, & family (Ethiopia)

Always pray and never give up. – Luke 18:1



RHPC
Announcements
December 7, 2025

DECEMBER



This Week at Round Hill Church

Mon. Dec. 8	Trustees Meeting	6:30 p.m.
	Session Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Tues. Dec. 9	Intercessory Prayer	10:00 a.m.
Fri. Dec. 12	Game Night	6:00 p.m.
Sun. Dec. 14	Congregational Meeting/Christmas	11:30-ish a.m.
	Covered-Dish dinner	

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL/CORPORATION MEETING
AND COVERED DISH LUNCHEON

→ The annual Congregational/Corporation meeting will be held on **Sunday, December 14th** after the worship service. The business will include election of elders, deacons, trustee and other corporation officers. The election of the four at-large members of the 2026 Nominating Committee and review of the 2026 budget adopted by the Session. All active members are encouraged to attend. **Immediately following the meeting there will be a covered dish luncheon in the fellowship hall.** See Gayle with any questions.

CHRISTMAS STORE

Elizabeth Forward Clothes Closet will be hosting a Christmas Store to help those in need. If you have any small gift items – Christmas or not – that you'd like to contribute, please bring them to the Small Conference room (right next to Pastor Matt's old office) in the CE building by **December 14th**.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The Food Pantry is requesting **baking supplies for the month of December.** Please place these items either in the basket in the vestibule or drop them off in front of the Food Pantry door. *Thank you for helping those in need!*



THRIVING SURVIVORS



Due to restaurant availability, the date has changed for our Thriving Survivors Christmas Luncheon. **On Tuesday, December 16th, at 1:00 p.m.**, we will be dining at the Carriage Inn (1601 Lovedale Rd). We will order off the menu and each is responsible for their own bill. If you would like to participate, we will have a \$5-10 gift exchange game (this not mandatory). There will be some games and Christmas carols, too! This would be a wonderful opportunity for you to join us if you haven't come yet! As always, please let Janice Sherman know if you will join us or need a ride.

FREE CHRISTMAS BUFFET



The upcoming holiday season presents some neighbors with angst. They are alone and/or unable to cook or afford a large meal. Wagner's Restaurant will once again host a free Christmas Buffet **on CHRISTMAS DAY** from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. (Note: The hours posted in the Newsletter were incorrect.) The buffet (menu pending) will include Turkey, Ham, Pot Roast, stuffing, potatoes, vegetables, bread, drinks and dessert. All are welcome. Please spread the word to family and friends. If you wish to contribute to this mission, they will be accepting donations of cookies (2 dozen max), cans of soda, bottles of water, or cash. Please see Lisa Wagner.

MEALS ON WHEELS NEEDS YOUR HELP!



There is an immediate need for volunteers for Meals on Wheels on Fridays, 6:30-9:00 a.m. at Central Highlands United Methodist Church, (100 Timothy Drive, Elizabeth). Work entails packing lunches and kitchen clean-up. Any questions, contact Linda at (412) 751-2230. *Thank you.*

URGENT REQUEST FROM THE ELIZABETH SALVATION ARMY



The Elizabeth Salvation Army Unit especially needs your help in serving the folks living in the 15013, 15018, 15020, 15037, and Pangburn Hollow areas. Please place your donations in either red kettle located in the vestibule or in the CE building's lobby; they will be available until the end of December. This is their only means of financial support to help others with emergency assistance. Thank you so much for helping those in need – especially during the holidays.