

# Round Hill Presbyterian Church

*A caring community in Christ. Making Disciples for Christ.*

*Equipped for ministry by Christ.*

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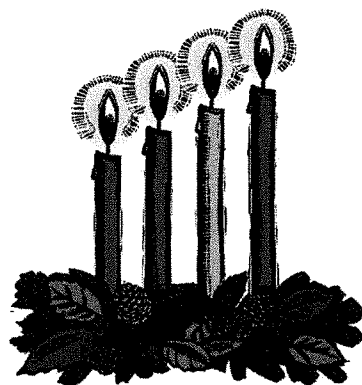
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Fourth Sunday in Advent

*December 21, 2025*

Verse for Meditation:

Matthew 1:23

“Behold, the Virgin shall be with child and bear a son,  
and they shall call him Emmanuel.”

WELCOME

\* INVOCATION

Pastor Bill Little

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Thornton Family

\* HYMN

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

No. 193

CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty Father, You are the source of every good and perfect gift. We praise Your name for the greatest and most perfect gift: Your son, our Lord Jesus Christ. But in lifting Him up, we humble ourselves before You. We confess to You, not only our sins of omission in failing to do what we know is right, but also our sins of commission in doing what You forbid. O Lord, we are weak and feeble, slow to confess our sins and prone to wander from the path of righteousness. Do not deal with us as our sins deserve but wash us clean in the blood of the Lamb and empower us by Your Spirit to live to honor and serve our Savior King. We praise You that He was born like us that we might become like Him. In Jesus' name we pray, 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.

**\* GREETING - PASSING THE PEACE**

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSION

Isaiah 11:1-6

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup> The 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. <sup>3</sup> His 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; <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God.' <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

SERMON

"The Incomprehensible Love of God"

Pastor Bill Little

\*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

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night"

No. 175

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                      “Angels We Have Heard On High”                      No. 192

## 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.

# While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night

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Nahum Tate

*Fear not, for I bring you good tidings of great joy.*

— Luke 2:10

CHRISTMAS

Arranged from George Friedrich Handel

The musical score is arranged in three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line, with some words in italics. The first system contains the first five lines of the lyrics. The second system contains the next five lines. The third system contains the final five lines, which are repeated. The music is in a key of one flat (B-flat major or D minor).

1 While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, All seat - ed on the  
2 "Fear not!" said he, for might-y dread Had seized their trou - bled  
3 "To - you in Da - vid's town this day Is born, of Da - vid's  
4 "The heaven - ly Babe you there shall find To hu - man view dis -  
5 "All glo - ry be to God on high, And to the earth be

1 ground, The an - gel of the Lord came down, And  
2 mind; "Glad ti - dings of great joy I bring To  
3 line, The Sav - ior, who is Christ the Lord, And  
4 played, All mean - ly wrapt in swath - ing - bands And  
5 peace: Good will hence - forth from heaven to men Be -

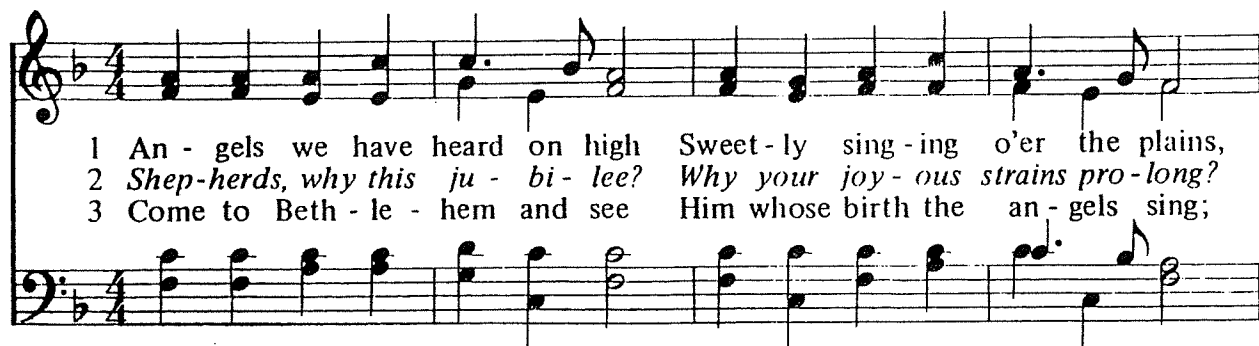
1 glo - ry shone a - round, And glo - ry shone a - round.  
2 you and all man - kind, To you and all man - kind.  
3 this shall be the sign - And this shall be the sign:  
4 in a man - ger laid, And in a man - ger laid.  
5 gin and nev - er cease! Be - gin and nev - er cease!"

# 192 Angels We Have Heard On High

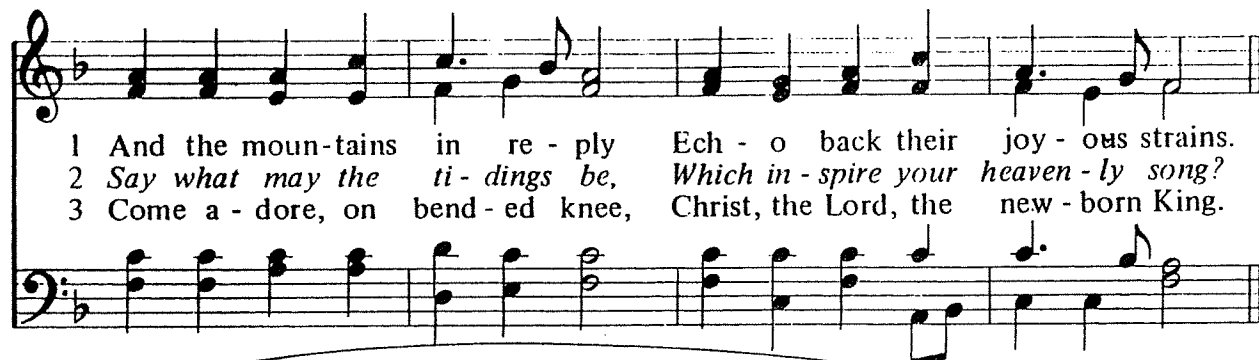
... Glory to God in the highest. — Luke 2:14

GLORIA  
French Carol

French Carol



1 An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2 *Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?*  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



1 And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
2 *Say what may the ti - dings be, Which in - spire your heaven - ly song?*  
3 Come a - dore, on bend - ed knee, Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.



Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o, Glo - ri - a



ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

<p><b>Liturgist – Janice Sherman Greeters – Lisa Wagner</b>  <i>Flowers provided by Gayle Larcinese in loving memory of her mother, Doris Gindlesberger.</i></p>
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<u>STAFF</u>		
Pastor		
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Mayim Stith	Bob Zirkle	Leslee Schwirian
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<b>MONTH/YTD INCOME &amp; EXPENSE</b>			
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
<b>Checking account balance as of November 30, 2025: \$13,070.41</b>			



**Electronic Giving Code**





**December 21, 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:**

**Amelia, Bacci family, Kevin Fritz, Bill & Bev Harchelroad, Houston family, Bill Jenco, Janet LaFrankie, Janet Lewis, Terry Meeneghan, Miller family, Nengel family, Cassie Reynolds, 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 Hobaugh, 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 Bentleyville (Transitional Pastor Wettach )

**Prayers for EPC Missionaries:** Appointees in training: Abby & Katherine

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



# RHPC Announcements December 21, 2025

## December



### This Week at Round Hill Church

Tues. Dec. 23	Intercessory Prayer	10:00 a.m.
Wed. Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight/ Communion Service	7:00 p.m.
Thurs. Dec. 25	Merry Christmas! (church office closed)	
Fri. Dec. 26	(Church office closed)	



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Tim Guffey	Dec 27
Bill Leggett	Dec 29

### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL/CORPORATION MEETING (TAKE 2)

→ The annual Congregational/Corporation meeting will be held **TODAY** 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.

### 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.



WAGNER'S  
Family Restaurant



### **LITURGISTS NEEDED**

If anyone would be interested in being a liturgist, we could sure use your help! Please let someone on Session know or call the church office (412-384-5889) and let Mary Beth know. Thank you!

### **NEW CLASS: WHO WE ARE (OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERSHIP)**



- What do we believe
- What is the responsibility of membership
- What is the history of our Church

After the holidays, we will be offering a class to assist with answering the above questions. The class will be designed to support those individuals who are considering joining our church or just want to know the answers. At the conclusion of the class there will be no requirement to join our membership. The class will be offered for three consecutive weeks following the Sunday Service. A light lunch will be provided. Please contact a member of Session if you are interested in participating.

### **FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

The Food Pantry is requesting **baking supplies for the month of December and soup for the months of January & February.**

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!*



**CHRISTMAS EVE  
CANDLELIGHT/COMMUNION SERVICE  
7:00 P.M.**

***Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!  
– 2 Cor. 9:15***