



Go TO THE FLOCK
--Pastor Shamaine

Advent: Promise of Coming Messiah

Out with the old, in with the new. If you haven't enjoyed this year very much, take heart, the church calendar New Year starts now. Advent marks the beginning of the church year with the promise of a coming Messiah, a precious little one, a light to the nations. In Advent we dare to whisper the hope of God who comes to us as an infant —powerless and yet overflowing with glory. The messiah whose return we await and whose promise, today and always, is the flourishing of people and the restoration of community.

Jesus took on the problems of the entire world. We join in that work, but since we are only human, we must limit ourselves to what is ours to do. If you are getting mired in thoughts of how dire things are, remember we are only assigned what we can handle. So pray. Pray for those who are in trouble, pray those who suffer, pray for everyone going through things.... In doing so, you are conveying hope and faith in solutions to come for our little corner of the world.

We are overjoyed to have a big, welcoming parking lot, and more beautiful children in church, and more goodhearted people in our choir. We are having more diversity in our music, in our worship planning, and in our congregation. We are always trying to do a better job of surrounding and including our zoom people and those who are not physically present, but still very much a part of us.

We have prayer cards in worship because we really want to know what's going on with you without exposing your private matters to the world. We are also striving to be a community church and that means if you have needs in your life, we don't want those to be a secret from us. How can we be a gift to you this year? We would like to be the kind of church that is truly a blessing to you and to the community so let us know what needs you have and what needs you see. We probably aren't good at all that yet, so we might let some things slip, but please help us in this endeavor of trying to be a community of real healing and of peace.

DECEMBER 2025

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December Highlights

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CFUM Meal Prep and Serve
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Men's Caroling/Windsor Wonderland
- 7

Joint Service with WUMC and Potluck
- 12

Salvation Army Bell Ringing – Jordan Creek
- 13

Building & Grounds Workday
- 21

Longest Night Service
- 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December Birthdays

- 7

Rich Teig
- 9

Bob Cooper
- 10

Tracy Miksell Branch
- 19

Kaitlin Mogle
- 19

Virginia Nichols
- 21

Craig Branch
- 26

Don Elly
- 28

Nicole Behrens
- 28

Katherine King
- 29

Tyler Mogle
- 29

Natalie Steenson

December Anniversaries

- 7

David & Natalie Steenson



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MONTHLY FINANCIALS – Ron Grohe

WINDSOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH				
OPERATING ACCOUNT - OCTOBER 2025				
	OCTOBER	1 Month Budget Figure	Year To Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
General Contributions	\$ 6,729.61	\$ 14,025.00	\$ 138,443.50	\$ 140,250.00
Operating Income	2,264.03	3,483.33	18,276.20	34,833.33
Operating Expenses	16,248.34	17,508.33	166,774.25	175,083.33
Net Gain(Loss)	\$ (7,254.70)	\$ -	\$ (10,054.55)	\$ -

The **October Operating Statement** was disappointing, making the second month in a row that we have had a rather large Net Operating loss, this one being \$7,300, as Total Income was \$8,500 under budget and Total Expenses were, \$1,200 below budget. Expenses were well within and, below budget, but, income, mainly, General Contributions, were way below budget. However, as often happens at Windsor, November looks to be a bounce-back month with two large gifts totaling \$9,125 already received. Total General Contributions for the month look to be somewhere around \$17,000 to \$18,000 as we have one more week to go. If we have a good December, financially, we should be close to a break-even point for income/expense for the year.

PARKING LOT UPDATE – Ron Grohe

We are getting close to finishing the project. The parking lot itself is essentially done. There are a few small, related tasks left. The open area between the sidewalk and the east side of our building will be cemented as soon as weather permits. The large rock, which was unearthed when the three houses were demolished will be moved to the northwest corner, just off the new lot to help with possible erosion. The median curb on 63rd St. will be extended (cemented) north as soon as, again, weather is favorable. We are, definitely, on the home stretch.

Sunday Volunteer Schedule - December

	December 7	December 14	December 21	December 28
Usher	Don B	Beth S	Steve R	Don B
Greeter	Beth S	Don B	Steve N	Sue C
Lector	Linda N	Sue C	Don B	Jody C
Fellowship	Potluck	Linda N.	Craig & Tracy	Beth S
Zoom Host	Richard A	John B	Richard A	John B
Slides	Kaitlin M	Shelley M	Shelley M	Shelley M
Sound	Krysta T/Brian D	Dana M	Dana M	Dana M

WORSHIP REPORT – Laura Ward

We’re Having a Baby! How many babies have you held over the course of your life? Did tiny fingers wrap around your pinky? Did you take in that smell that only babies have? Our Lord arrived in just such a tiny package and brought hope to a lost world. For unto us a child is given: Our baby, our experience of his ministry and the forgiveness of our sins, through his love, is the best present we could hope for. This season, enjoy the music, the lights, the shopping, the pageantry. When your head hits that comfy pillow, bask in the knowledge that your church family loves you, and that our awesome God is still working Everywhere.

May the joy and peace of Advent surround you!



Baptism and receiving of New Members



AV Support Team volunteering on Sundays



Choir and Worship Band Sunday



Fellowship Time with friends

The Advent season is a four-week period before Christmas Day that celebrates the anticipation and coming of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. The origin of "advent" is from the Latin word *adventus*, which simply translates as "coming" or "arrival." Advent is a time of preparation for the birth of Christ but also preparing for the second coming of Christ.

This year Advent begins Sunday, November 30th and will last until December 24th, when that evening we will celebrate the birth of Jesus in our Candlelight Christmas Eve service at 6:00 pm. Our service will feature the reading of Luke's Christmas Story, beautiful liturgy, prayers, poetry, special music, the singing of traditional carols, and so much more.

In this Advent...
Let us lift up light
where there is darkness.
Let us bear hope
where there is despair.
Let us build community
where there is isolation.
Let us model abundance
where there is scarcity
Let us be love
where there is fear
Let us live in peace.
Amen

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ADVENT HOPE

Sunday worship 10:30am

Advent 1 | November 30, 2025
Promise of the Messiah | Jeremiah 33:14-18

Advent 2 | December 7, 2025
Dry bones, new life | Ezekiel 37:1-14

Advent 3 | December 14, 2025
Come to the waters | Isaiah 55:1-11

Advent 4 | December 21, 2025
Word became flesh | John 1:1-18

LONGEST NIGHT

December 21, 2025 | 5:30pm

A Longest Night or Blue Christmas service is a contemplative, candlelit worship space to honor and provide comfort for those who are lonely, weary, mourning, stressed or struggling during the holiday season.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Candlelight Service
December 24, 2025 | 6:00pm
Birth of Jesus | Luke 2:1-20



Advent Wreath

Each Sunday of Advent during our worship service, we will have a special candle lighting liturgy with a reading and prayer for each of the Sundays of Advent that reflect on the following themes:

- First candle HOPE
- Second candle PEACE
- Third candle JOY
- Fourth candle LOVE



Sunday, December 21, 2025
5:30 pm

Advent Devotional

As you prepare your hearts for Christmas you may enjoy ready a daily Advent Devotional, such as author and speaker Kate Bowler's FREE "The Weary World Rejoices" Devotional found here:

