

"Red Door" News: Bulletin for December 24 – Christmas Eve

*Sent: Wednesday, December 24, 2025 **

Worship: 7:00 PM on Christmas Eve and at 10:00 AM on Sundays

Dear "Red Door" members and friends,

To view or print the Christmas Eve Bulletin and/or this RDNews – see attachments



WELCOME: You are invited to our worship service at 7:00 PM on Christmas Eve – and at 10:00 am on Sundays to praise God and enjoy one another's fellowship as we serve both God and our neighbors. Join us in person or online / by phone. **See links below.**

Once again, we experience Christmas with music, readings, and memories.

Tonight, we will hear a part of the familiar story using different versions of the Bible and consider – where was Jesus born?

SENTENCES OF MEDITATION

In the West, the traditional telling of the birth story of Jesus is overlaid with mythology. Some of these are so old and so pervasive that they are unconsciously affirmed.

~"The Manger and the Inn" by Kenneth E. Bailey

Liturgist: Thais Burkhalter

Bell and Chancel Choirs will offer special music.

Advent Wreath Celebration will be led by Emma Kirsch and Fran Puffer.

Readers of the Christmas story: Mike Munson, Jan Andrews, Larry Brown, Nadine Stenson, and Jim Mullaney

The Biblical Christmas Story from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke is available at the sanctuary entrances. Take one home to read. Share one with a friend.

In person worship is in the Sanctuary. Face masks available.

To join us online or by phone using Google Meet.

Christmas Eve and every Sunday -- Same Link: meet.google.com/viu-hpxa-mjg

By Phone: +1 301-857-2390 // PIN: 931 769 968#

As always -- all are welcome. Invite a friend to join us!

2025 Christmas Flowers and Decorations

Christmas tree and decorations: *Thank you to Mike Munson, Larry and Heather Brown, Linda Allen, Brandie Conner, Chad and Elizabeth Anderson, Rebecca and Everly LaBarr, Carol Sprague, Cynthia Walton-Leavitt.*

Greens *in the front of the sanctuary given in memory of Nila B. Hulbert.*

Poinsettias *this year have graciously been given by:*

The Brown family, *in memory of* Rennie Brown, Rennie's Parents, and Larry's Parents
Thais Burkhalter, Scott Genardo, Abigail Mack, *in memory of* Erin

Samantha Scott Pfoutz and Mary Scott Burkhalter "Nana"

Emma Kirsch, *in memory of* Joan Wood

The Morell family, *in memory of* Norine Allen



The Rothermel family, *in memory* of Carroll & Mildred Lehman

Donors may pick up a poinsettia after worship this evening.

Thursday and Friday, December 25th & December 26th

Church Office Closed in observance of Christmas.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28th – First Sunday of Christmas

Lectionary: Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrew 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

10 AM Morning Worship: All invited to bring favorite Nativity stories and/or hymns.

Liturgist: Thais Burkhalter

Choir on holiday break until Wednesday, January 7th rehearsal.

Thursday and Friday, January 1st and 2, 2026

Church Office Closed in observance of New Year.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026 – Second Sunday of Christmas

Lectionary: Jeremiah 31:7-14; Ps 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9) 10-18

Epiphany (Jan. 6): Isaiah 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

10 AM Morning Worship focus will be on the Epiphany (January 6th) passages including visit of the Magi (wise ones) with the Holy Family. Liturgist: TBA

Saturday, January 10th

Deadline for 2025 Giving to our Church – donations may be received and recorded after which year-end statements will be prepared. If you would like your donation credited for 2025, be sure to date your check December 31, 2025 or before.

2026 Church Directory is being compiled. Any changes in your contact info?

Please check with Carol in the church office to make sure we have them!

Call Carol at (607) 432-7520 or write to her at reddoorchurch@stny.rr.com

Attached:

- 1) Bulletin for December 24th – Christmas Eve
- 2) This RDNews

Thank you for sharing this news with others – especially those who do not have email...



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