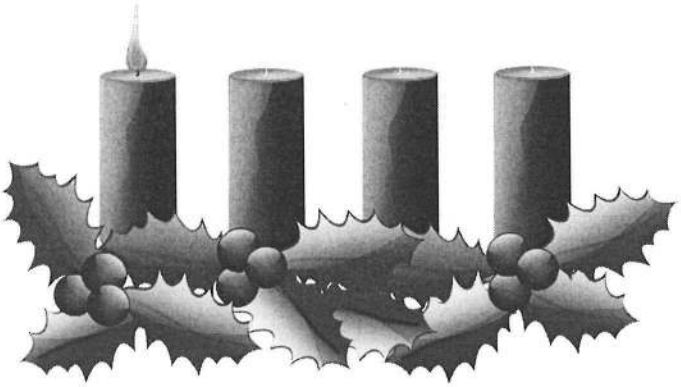
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1st Week of Advent

November 28-29, 2026

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Confession

Pastor/LLM: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Pastor/LLM: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Pastor/LLM: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

Pastor/LLM: Most merciful God,

Congregation: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

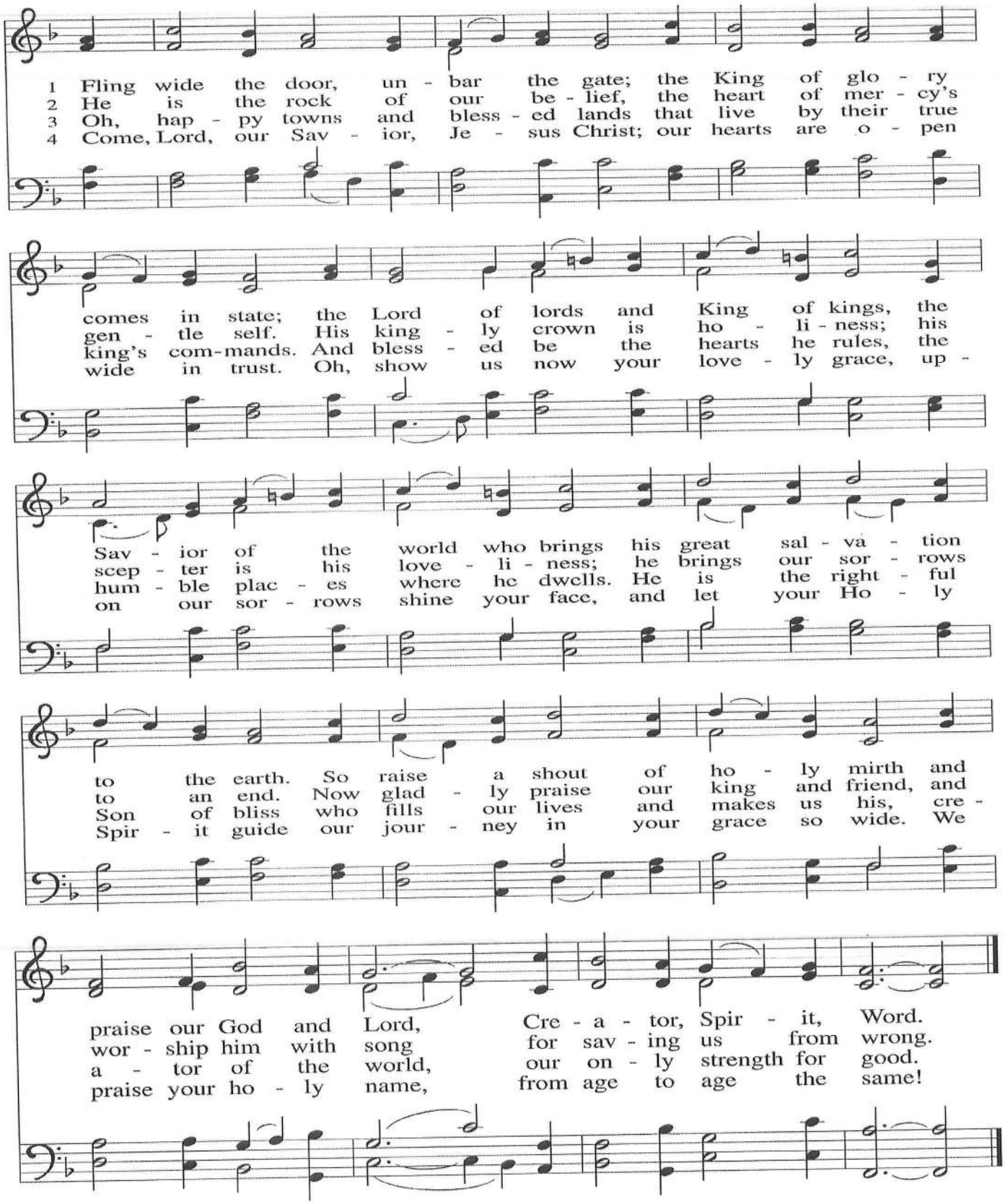
Pastor/LLM: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Prelude: **Siciliano** **Ottorino Respighi**

Entrance Hymn: **#259 Fling Wide the Door** **(Next Page)**

259 Fling Wide the Door



Greeting

Pastor — The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Litany:

Pastor: Wherever evil or suffering hold sway; we pray, O Lord

Congregation **Stir up your power and come.**

Pastor: Wherever war or crime oppress your people; we pray, O Lord,

Congregation **Stir up your power and come.**

Pastor: Wherever illness or injury cause pain; we pray, O Lord,

Congregation **Stir up your power and come.**

Pastor: Wherever pride or indifference imprison people; we pray, O Lord,

Congregation **Stir up your power and come.**

Pastor: Wherever people grieve or hunger; we pray, O Lord,

Congregation **Stir up your power and come.**

Pastor: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

Congregation **Amen.**

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy **(Insert)**

Saturday, November 28th	**Sunday, November 29th**
Reader 1:	**Reader 1: Jaxon Kline**
	Reader 2: Brady Moran
Lighter:	**Lighter: The Kline Family**

Congregation: **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Pastor: The holy gospel according to St. Mark the 13th Chapter

Congregation: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37 Celebrate Insert

Pastor: The gospel of our Lord.

Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: Pastor Chris

Hymn of the Day: #252 Each Winter As the Year Grows Older **(Next Page)**

2026 ADVENT READINGS AND CANDLE LIGHTING
WEEK 1: November 28-29, 2026

Reader 1: Isaiah 7:14

[14] Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

Reader 1: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. In the darkness of our waiting , you send a promise of light that does not fail.

Congregation: Stir up our hearts to watch and wait with hope for the coming of your Son.

Reader 2: Matthew 1:18-23

[18] Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. [19] Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. [20] But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. [21] She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." [22] All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: [23] "Look, the firgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

Reader 1: Prayer

Lord Jesus, light of the world, scatter the shadows of our doubt and fill us with your steadfast hope. Amen.

Light the first candle of the Advent Wreath

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

Light one candle to watch for Messiah
Let the light banish darkness
He shall bring salvation to Israel
God fulfills the promise

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—6just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—7so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel — Mark 13:24-37

Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.

[Jesus said:] "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
25and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
26"Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. 27Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

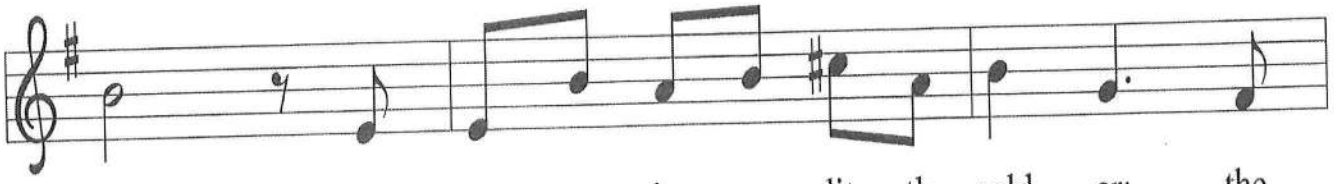
28"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

32"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. 33Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. 34It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, 36or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

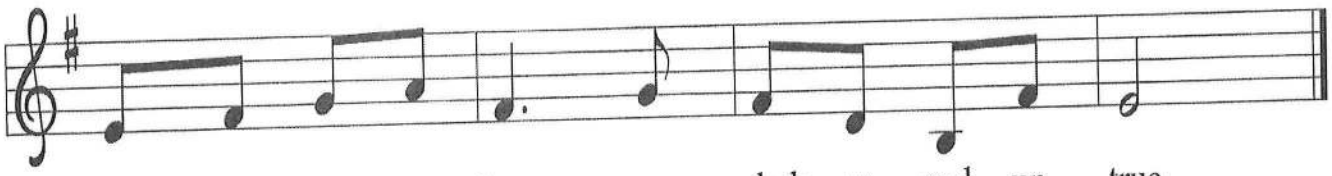
252 Each Winter As the Year Grows Older



1 Each win - ter as the year grows old - er, we each grow old - er,
2 When race and class cry out for trea - son, when si - rens call for
3 Yet I be - lieve be - yond be - liev - ing that life can spring from
4 So e - ven as the sun is turn - ing to jour - ney to the
5 O Child of ec - sta - sy and sor - rows, O Prince of peace and



too. The chill sets in a lit - tle cold - er; the
war, they o - ver - shout the voice of rea - son and
death, that growth can flow - er from our griev - ing, that
north, the liv - ing flame, in se - cret burn - ing, can
pain, bright - en to - day's world by to - mor - row's, re -



ver - i - ties we knew seem shak - en and un - true.
scream till we ig - nore all we held dear be - fore.
we can catch our breath and turn trans - fixed by faith.
kin - dle on the earth and bring God's love to birth.
new our lives a - gain; Lord Je - sus, come and reign!

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Offering

Anthem: **An Advent Song (9:30)** **Rebecca Fair**
Senior Choir

Offertory Response: #185 Create in Me

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Prayer Hymn-#752 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Prayers

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

ORDER FOR HEALING

The grace of our lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

At this brief service, we will share in a brief order for healing.
Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing - with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ Jesus, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

I now invite you, if you so desire, to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the Holy Trinity. Please come forward, find a place at the altar rail, kneel if you wish, and receive a blessing and anointing.

Please come forward for the order for healing

Pastor/LLM to each person:
In the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, be strengthened and filled with God's grace, that you may know the healing power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Anointing with oil):
Receive this oil as a sign of forgiveness and healing in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let us pray: Living God, through the laying on of hands, and anointing, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Pastor:	The Peace of the Lord be with you all.
Congregation:	**And also with you.**
Pastor:	Greet one another with the peace of the Lord.

<u>Lord's Prayer</u>
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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

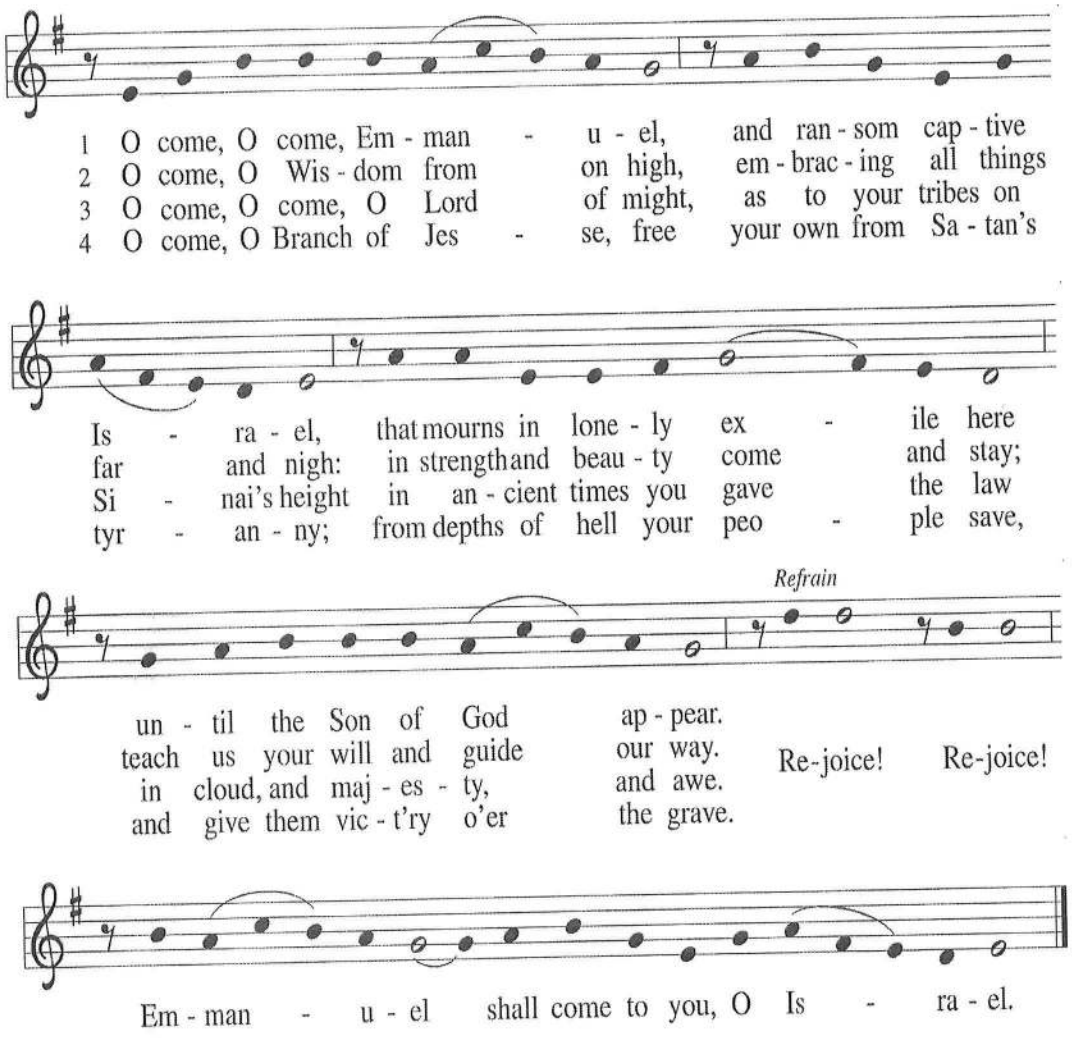
Dismissal

Worship Assistant: Go in peace. To Love and Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn: #257 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Stanzas 1-4) **(Next Page)**

257 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



God be with you till we meet again, By His counsels guide uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again.

Organ Postlude

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Adopted by the Congregation
January 25, 1998

Prayer List

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TRINITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Saturday, November 28	**9:00 am**	**Decorating the Sanctuary**
	6:00 pm	**Worship**
Sunday, November 29	**9:30 am**	**Worship**
	10:30 am	**Sunday School**
Monday, November 30	**1:00pm-6:00pm**	**Red Cross Blood Mobile**
Tuesday, December 1	**10:00 am**	**Exercise Club**
	5:30 pm	**Staff & Records**
	6:30 pm	**Worship & Music Committee Meeting**
Friday, December 4	**10:00 am**	**Exercise Club**

Date	**Pastor/LLM**	**Worship Assistant**	**Lector**
Sat. Nov. 28	**Pastor Chris**		
Sun. Nov. 29	**Pastor Chris/ Minister Bob**	**Zach Jefferson**	**Cassidy Barton**

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