

## PRAYER REQUESTS

\*\*\*\*Donna Zehner

\*\*\*\*Barb Powell

\*\*\*\*Betty Temple

\*\*\*\*Monte Novak

\*\*\*The Family of Rich Butts

\*\*\*Joe Dvorszak

\*\*Family members of Marcia Matthews and friend, Rosie

\*\*Jan Pazdur

\*\*Cheryl Perry

\*Barb Ehlebracht

\*Don, brother-in-law of Colleen Moss

Robert Hickey, brother of Rick Hickey

*During inclement weather, please pull your vehicle under the covered drive  
and a volunteer will park it for you.*

Senior Pastor—Rev. Denise Robinson

Liturgist—Dave Dobrinich

Music Director—Pablo Valladares

Treasurer—Linda Boender

Connections Coordinator—Nancy Caddick

Dan Zilai—Technical Director

Facility Manager—David Miller

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Office Assistant—Holly Cummings



# WELCOME TO THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## DECEMBER 21, 2025

**9:00am Traditional Worship at Ridge**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE Pablo Valladares & Cheryl Sorrels, Flutist

WELCOME

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

In this season of waiting, of longing, and of looking, we are seeking light.

**In our lives and in our neighborhoods, we are seeking light.**

In our families and in our work, we are seeking light.

**In our nation and in our world, we are seeking light.**

Jesus says to you and to me: "I am the light of the world.

**Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."**

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world. May we have eyes to see you and ears to hear you. Come into our world today. Shine your light, and overcome the darkness.

**Let us fix our eyes upon the true Light as we gather in worship.  
Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #196**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Brenda Hendry & Nancy Hill**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rev. Denise Robinson**

**OFFERING "Carol for Advent" Chancel Choir  
Cheryl Sorrels, Flutist**

**\*DOXOLOGY AND BLESSING OVER OFFERING**

**PRAYER SONG "Be Thou My Vision" #451**

**PRAISES AND PRAYER CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*SCRIPTURE READING John 1:1-5, 14-17**

**THE MESSAGE**

**Rev. Denise Robinson**

**Christmas Cards from the Gospel Writers: John**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #230 - v. 1,3, 4**

**"Away In a Manger" & "What Child Is This?"  
Handbell Choir**

**\*BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE** *As worship concludes we move to the Gathering Room, where we are invited to greet one another and share in fellowship.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Attendance**—Please let us know that you are here by completing the [Blue Gather](#) card and any additional information.

**Angel Tree** —Ridge will provide gifts for residents in low-income senior housing and a shelter for homeless women and children in Gary. Today is the last day to place your unwrapped donated gifts under the tree in the entryway. A list of suggested gifts is located in the entryway.

**Offering Envelopes and 2026 Calendars are available** for you to pick up across from the church office.

**Christmas Eve** —Join us for special worship services with candlelight and carols on Wednesday, December 24th at 5 and 8 pm.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!** The Church office will be closed December 25th through January 2nd.

**Coffee With The Pastor** will resume on January 5th at 10:15 at The Grindhouse Café in Highland on Ridge Road.

**Pastor's Bible Study** will begin meeting again on January 7th @ 7 pm.

**Children's Sunday School resumes** January 11th from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. There is no Sunday School the first Sunday of each month.

**State of the Church meeting**—Please join us for light snacks and information on Sunday, January 18th at 2 p.m.

**Can you provide Saturday lunch at City Rescue Mission in Hammond?**

Available dates are January 10th and January 31st. More information is on the bulletin board.

*\* You are invited to remain seated or stand as you are able.*

*\*\* Please silence your Cell Phone.*

