

# SPEEDWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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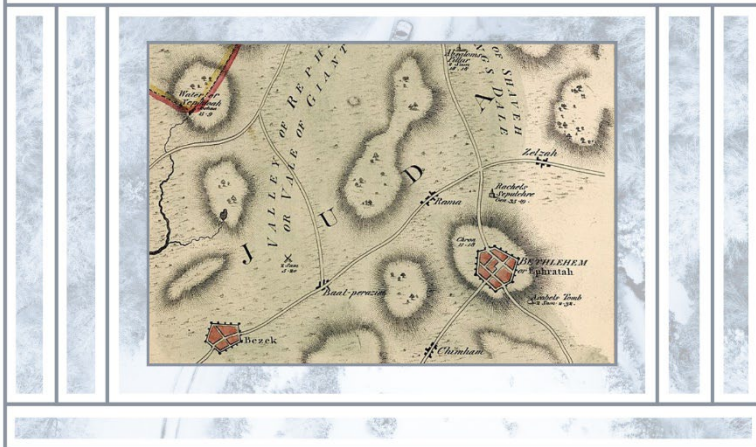
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Advent/Christmas Series

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ON THE WAY TO  
**BETHLEHEM**

**ADVENT FOUR**  
BETHLEHEM: A PLACE OF HUMILITY



**Sunday, December 22, 2024**

**Prelude** *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came* Paula Nichols  
*Arr. Page* *Director of Music*

**Welcome**

Rev. Katie Griffin

**Light for the Journey**

Ben Tice  
*Acolyte*

**We Respond to the Light**

Stephen Dietzer  
Elder

*\*All who are able, please stand.*

One: The journey continues, and this candle will help  
light our way.

**Many: We are on our way to more love.**

One: So many are in need of grace, in need of loving  
acceptance.

**Many: We are a people who can bring Good News.**

One: Stories of generosity are markers and signs that  
goodness is the nature of God.

**Many: God's light goes before us, we are not alone.**

## **Opening Prayer and Words of Assurance**

### **\*Passing of the Peace**

Let this be a marker of assurance that we are moving in a  
faithful direction. God is with us every step of our way toward  
the love of Bethlehem. Jesus is being born into our lives even  
now. The Spirit is transforming us in this place.

One: Peace be with you!

**Many: And also with you.**

As people forgiven and freed, I invite you to pass the Peace  
of Christ among you and to those worship remotely. We are  
glad you are on this journey with us.

**\*Opening Hymn**    *Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming*    #160

**First Scripture Reading**    Romans 13:8-11

**Children's Moment**    Rev. Kyle Hunter  
Worship and Wonder: 4-year-olds through Grade 2 — Room 203  
Adventures in Faith: Grades 3-5 — Narthex

**Second Scripture Reading**    Luke 2:1-14

**Anthem**    *How Far is it to Bethlehem?*    Chancel Choir  
*Arr. Pethel*

**Sermon**    Bethlehem: A Place of Humility  
Rev. Katie Griffin

**Guided by Prayer**

**Stewardship Moment**

**\*Doxology**    *Praise God*    #46  
*from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Communion**

## The Lord's Prayer *(in unison)*

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. And lead us not  
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the  
kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## Invitation to Discipleship

*Those who wish to unite with Speedway Christian Church  
are invited to come forward as we sing to confess your faith in Jesus Christ.  
You may also do so by offering a Confession of Faith  
in confidence with a minister.*

**\*Invitation Hymn**    *Angels We Have Heard on High*    #155  
*(verses 1, 3)*

## \*Benediction

**Postlude**    *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*    Paula Nichols  
*arr. Larson*    *Director of Music*

### Sunday Christian Education Opportunities

#### Before Worship:

Journey in Faith – Room B2, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grades

#### During Worship (after Children's Moment):

Child Care – Room 101B (available 9am to 11:45)

Worship and Wonder – Room 203, 4 year olds through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Adventures in Faith – Narthex, Grades 3-5

#### Following Worship, beginning at 10:30am

Children's Sunday School – Room 207, ages 4 through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Youth Sunday School – Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Adult Sunday School – Room B1

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