

PRAYER REQUESTS

****Donna Zehner

****Barb Powell

****The Family of William Dolgi

****Nick, great nephew of Dave and Janice Dobrinich

****The Turner/Richburg Family

***Bev Fleming

***Betty Temple

***Sister and brother-in-law of Kris and Debbie Olson

***Bill, brother of Cheryl Perry

***Jan Pazdur

**Lynne O'Brien

*Monte Novak

*Barb Ehlebracht

*Cindy Regnier

Senior Pastor—Rev. Denise Robinson

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WELCOME TO THE 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

9:00am Traditional Worship at Ridge

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator God, even in the midst of a season of joy, we confess that there are times when we lose sight of what really matters.

Help us focus on the hope that Christ's birth brings, and remind us to share Christ's hope with others during this season of Advent.

We are often so busy looking for the light that is to come that we forget to be the light for those who need it.

For these times, we ask for forgiveness.

As a family, we worship the One who came and look for the One who is coming.

For these times, we remember that Christ is with us and Christ will come again.

We hear the word of our still-speaking God proclaiming that no matter who we are or where we are on life's journey, God is with us.

God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. God's love never fails. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Bill and Linda Poltrock

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rev. Denise Robinson

OFFERING We Gather Together Pablo Valladares

***DOXOLOGY AND BLESSING OVER OFFERING**

PRAYER SONG "Come, Thou Almighty King" #61-v.1,2,4

PRAISES AND PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25

THE MESSAGE

Rev. Denise Robinson

Christmas Cards from the Gospel Writers: Matthew

***HYMN OF RESPONSE "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #234- v. 1-3**

***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.

Can you provide Saturday lunch at City Rescue Mission in Hammond on December 13th? Lunches feed 20 adults. More information is on the bulletin board.

Angel Tree—Ridge will provide gifts for residents in low-income senior housing and a shelter for homeless women and children in Gary. There is a list of suggested gift items located in the entryway and narthex. Place your unwrapped donated gifts under the tree in the entryway **no later than Sunday, December 21st.**

Cantata and Cookies—The Ridge Chancel Choir and other area church choir members will present "The Night of the Father's Love" next Sunday, December 7th, at 3 p.m. There will be refreshments after the performance, and we need volunteers to donate bite-sized snacks. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

RAFT—Annual Christmas Lunch at Teibels, Thursday, Dec. 11 @ 12:30—Sign up on the RAFT bulletin board before December 8th.

Offering Envelopes—The 2026 offering envelopes will be available for pick-up next Sunday in the Narthex.

One Service on Sunday, December 14th at 10 a.m.—Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a special service that will take us on a journey along the "Holiday Road" from Nazareth to Bethlehem with characters and carols.

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

** Please silence your Cell Phone.

