

Advent 3, Year A  
December 14, 2025 9:00am  
Choral Eucharist, Rite II  
Emmanuel Episcopal Church

**\*\*Music today from the *Glory & Praise Hymnal*.\*\***

Prelude: #426 *Hail Mary: Gentle Woman*

Call to Worship: *Church Bells will ring*  
(all stand, as are able, and remain standing until the Collect)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath (members of the congregation will come forward and light the candles of the wreath appropriate to the day.)

Processional Hymn: #297 *Every Valley*

Opening Acclamation:

*Celebrant* Blessed be God Father, Son and Holy Spirit

*People* ***And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen.***

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

***Kyrie***

*With dignity and strength*

Trebles



1. Look a-round you, can you see? Times are trou-bled,  
pco-ple grieve. See the vio-lence, feel the hard-ness.

B E

All my peo - ple weep with me.

*Refrain*

S B A T

E A B E

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Chris - te e -

A B E A

lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei

1. 2. To Verses 3. Refrain may be repeated E Fine

E

i - son. son.

Verse 2: Walk among them, I'll go with you. Reach out to them with my hands. Suffer with me, and together, we will serve them, help them stand.

Refrain

Verse 3: Forgive us Father; hear our prayer. We would walk with you, anywhere; Through your suffering, with forgiveness, take your life into the land.

Refrain

## The Collect of the Day (Advent 3, year A)

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

*(all are seated)*

### First Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;

the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall  
go astray.

No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;

they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*After the reading, the Lector will say:*    The Word of the Lord.

***People:*            *Thanks be to God.***

### **Psalm 146:4-9**

- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
    whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
    who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
    and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
    the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
    the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous;  
    the LORD cares for the stranger; \*  
    he sustains the orphan and widow,  
    but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for ever, \*  
    your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
    Hallelujah!

### **The Second Lesson from the New Testament: James 5:7-10**

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for

the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

*After the reading, the Lector will say:*                   The Word of the Lord.

*People:*                   ***Thanks be to God.***

**Gradual Hymn:** #293 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (verses 1-3)

**Gospel:**   **Matthew 11:2-11** (*All stand as are able*)

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People:*   ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

### Sermon

Rev. Sr. Patti Hale, OPA

**\*The Nicene Creed** *(All stand as are able)*

***We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.***



*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

### Prayers of the People, Form V

*(The people may stand or kneel as they prefer)*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy”

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Diana our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for the whole people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health. We pray especially for: Dedee, Diane, Gar Gaster, Erin, Rodney, Ruthie, Delyse, Eric Fraser, William L., Joy, Mason, Mike Loughed, Bill & Linda Grile, Liza H., Elizabeth R., Daniel, Sharon, Sandy Harper, Katie Crim, Travis C., Joydee, Alfred & Mia. We pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For what else and whom else shall we pray? (*Prayers may be offered aloud or in silence*) ... we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

**To you, O Lord our God.**

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Confession & Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

***Most merciful God,  
we confess that 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.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

*The Celebrant concludes with the absolution.*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### The Peace *(All stand as are able)*

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## Announcements, Birthdays, Thanksgivings

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn: #602 *Be Not Afraid*

Doxology tune #682

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above all ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer D (all stand as are able)

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* ***We lift them to the Lord.***

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

*(♩ = 84)*

*mf* D G Em A G A D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

E E7 A D F#m Bm Bm/A

God of pow'r and might. Heav - en and earth are full of your

G Em A *mp* G Em Bm Bm7

glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na on

**Descant**

*f*

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Melody E A D F# Bm Bm/A G Em

high. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na. Ho

A D G Em A D G

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the

*div.*

san - na. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na on high.

Em A F# Bm Bm/A G A D D9 D

high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na on high.

*The people stand or kneel.*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures.

When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." +

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new

Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." +

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

***We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.***

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, + and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

-Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

-Remember Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe, Bishop Diana Akiyama and all who minister in your Church.

-Remember all your people, and those who seek the truth.



-Remember all those we love so dearly and all those who have no one to love them.

-Remember all who have died + in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

-And grant that we may find our inheritance with the ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St Dominic and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past.

-We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

**AMEN.**

*Silence is kept. Celebrant makes a solemn bow.*

### The Lord's Prayer (sung)

D D A D

Our Fa-ther in heav-en,

C D G

hal-low-ed be your\_ Name, your king-dom come, your\_

D C D

will be done, on earth as\_ in\_ heav-en.

Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For - give us our\_

sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from

e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er; and the glo - ry are\_

yours, now and\_ for\_ ev - er. A - men, A - men.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

*People:* ***Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!***

*Presider:* "Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world." (John 1:29b) These are the gift of God, for you, the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and lives for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Music During Communion: #320 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

*(All baptized Christians of any denomination and including children are welcome to come forward and receive the Eucharist. Our custom is to receive the wine from the Chalice by sipping. If you prefer not to sip, hand the wafer to the server who will dip the wafer into the wine and hand it to you. Please receive it with your fingers and consume it right away. If you are not yet baptized, we welcome you also to come forward and receive a blessing. To receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest to indicate it to priest.)*

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

***Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

### **The Blessing of the Congregation** *(all stand, and remain standing)*

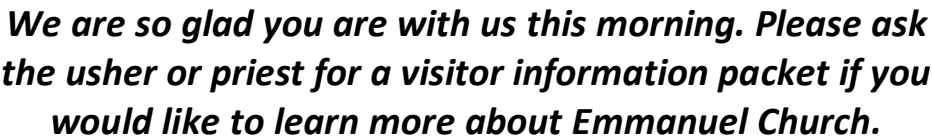
**Recessional Hymn:** #723 *Soon and Very Soon*

### **Dismissal**

*Leader:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

*People:* ***Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

**Postlude:** #655 *Let There Be Peace on Earth*



**Parish Prayer List:** Caroline McKemy, Tyler, Lisa G., Janelle, Conner, David B., Dana, Ellen Jones, Jonathan, Ralph, Beth, Judy Ann, Mary K., Janet, Chris, Chris Hewitson, Lucious and Sarah, Michael, Eddie, Lance & His Family, Nick & Megan, Elizabeth R., Jeff Hines, David B., Matt, Ryan, Tina Jones, Tim, Belle, Carol & Ron, Hayden Reeves, Jim, Maylee Brock, Amy Grile, Carol-lee, Sally Johnson, Ron, Tracy W., Susie & Scott Hines, David, Gail Lewis, Kathy, Jack, Dale, Luke, Judy, Terri Davenport, Harper S., Sally, Jamie, Peter, Renee, Kelly Bustany, Carol, Kathleen, Eric Nelson, Liz Allman, Wayne, Betty, Jeff K., Brian & Ingrid Sullivan, Grant, Dedee, Diane, Gar Gaster, Erin, Rodney, Ruthie, Delyse, Eric Fraser, William L., Joy, Mason, Mike Lougheed, Bill & Linda Grile, Liza H., Elizabeth R., Daniel, Sharon, Sandy Harper, Katie Crim, Travis C., Joydee, Alfred & Mia

- Coos Food Cupboard M-W-F 12:00pm-2:00pm, Thurs 5:00pm-7:00pm
- Tuesdays, 6:00pm, Contemporary Choir Rehearsals
- Wednesdays, 7:30am, Morning Prayer with Sr. Amy Linder
- **Wednesday, Dec. 17, 10:00am-2:00pm, Christmas Baskets Distribution**
- **NO WEDNESDAY CLASS UNTIL FEBRUARY**
- Wednesdays, 2:00pm, Emmanuel Choir Rehearsals
- **Thursday, December 18, 10:00am-2:00pm, Christmas Baskets Distribution**
- **Friday, Dec.19, 10am-2pm and 4pm-7pm, Christmas Baskets Distribution**
- **Friday, December 19: 2026 Pledge Card Submissions Deadline!**
- **Friday, December 19: Newsletter Submissions Deadline**
- **Saturday, December 20, 5:00pm, Holy Eucharist at St. Mary in Gardiner**

### **Server's This Sunday 12/14/25: Choral Eucharist, Rite II**

9:00am Lector: Lisa Crew LEM/Intercessor: Chuck Wall  
Music Director/Organist: Tom Collins  
Contemporary Choir: Neville Cordell, Pam Chaney, Nancy Clarke,  
Kerry Oxford, Mark Jennings, Al Rumsch, Jennifer Ortega, Peter A.,  
Savannah Crosby, Alex Pavelka  
Audio/Visual: Sr. Amy Linder, OP and Nancy Layne  
Ushers: Brian Sullivan, Jay Davidson, Mark Jennings  
Priest: Rev. Sr. Patti Hale, OPA  
Coffee Hour: Judy Weeks and Beth Bennison  
Counters: Liz Cowden, \*Kerri Coldren  
Altar Guild #1: Sue Wall, Dedee Ousley, Diana Wall

### **Server's Next Sunday 12/21/25: Holy Eucharist, Rite I**

9:00am Lector: Chuck Wall LEM/Intercessor: Al Rumsch  
Music Director/Organist: Tom Collins  
Audio/Visual: Sr. Amy Linder, OP and Nancy Layne  
Ushers: Brian Sullivan, Jay Davidson, Mark Jennings  
Priest: Rev. Sr. Patti Hale, OPA  
Coffee Hour: Cindy Harper  
Counters: Nat Jaeggli, Sally Jaeggli  
Altar Guild #2, #3: Judy Knutson, Liz Cowden, Susan Forman,  
Barbara Kronsteiner, Judy Jensen, Sue Wall

**IMPORTANT TO NOTE: The parish nursery will be closed on December 21, 24, and 28 as our nursery attendant, Claire, will be out of town.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **2026 Budget Planning**

If you have not yet submitted your pledge, please do so **by DEC 19. The December Vestry meeting is when we must finalize the 2026 budget.**



**The parish office will be closed Wednesday, December 24 – Tuesday, December 30.**

### **Christmas Baskets Outreach**

Families will be able to pick up baskets at Emmanuel December 17th, 18th, and 19th. We will need elves from 10am-12pm, and 12pm-2pm all three days and additionally 4pm-7pm on Friday. The sign-up sheet will be in the church entryway.

### **Christmas Poinsettias**

If you would like to make an offering toward the poinsettias that decorate our church at Christmas time in memory of or thanksgiving for a loved one, please contact the church office, and your remembrance will be included in the Christmas bulletins. Donation offering suggestion is \$10.00.

### **Save a Stamp and Spead some Cheer!**

If you have a Christmas card you would like to give to any of our parish team (Rev. Patti, Sr. Amy, Grant, Tom or Kerri), we have Christmas card boxes in the parish office to help save you a stamp. 😊 Thank you for all the Christmas cheer!

### **Coos Food Cupboard**

For the month of December, the food cupboard would appreciate donations of canned soup. Hearty soups make a comforting and filling meal for those neighbors of ours that are food insecure.

Thank you for your continued and generous support of the Coos Food Cupboard!

~submitted by Brian Sullivan

## **New Adult Formation Class: *Walk in Love* – Exploring Episcopal Belief & Practice**

Join us for a 6-week (Jan 11 – Feb 21) journey through the Episcopal faith using the book *Walk in Love* and the Episcopal Catechism. Together we'll explore prayer, Scripture, sacraments, church history, and how our faith shapes daily life. Whether you're new to the Episcopal Church, looking to deepen your spiritual practice, or preparing for baptism/confirmation/reception on the Bishop's visit, all are welcome. Books provided. No prior experience needed.

Please let Rev. Patti know ASAP if you are interested. We will poll the group to determine the best day and time to meet.

## **Need a ride to the Longest Night Service?**

If you are interested in attending the longest night service but are not comfortable driving at night, please let the office know this week, and we will arrange for someone to pick you up and bring you to the service. We'll even make sure you get back home 😊 This is a beautiful, low-key service to engage the Christmas story while holding space for pain and grief that the holiday season may bring.

## **Gentle reminder:**

If you are not current on your 2025 pledge, please become so before December 31st as it really helps the finance team in closing out the books for the year. All pledges/donations for the 2025 tax season must be received in the office postmarked by December 31, 2025. THANK YOU!!



## **Bishop's Visit**

Bishop Akiyama's scheduled official visitation to Emmanuel will be on Sunday, March 1st, 2026.

Anyone desiring to be Baptized, who is not already Baptized, may want to take this opportunity to make the public commitment to Christ in the sacrament of Baptism. In addition, anyone wishing to officially 'become an Episcopalian' can do so by Confirmation or

Reception (for those who were already Confirmed in the Roman Catholic Church or the Orthodox Church) when the Bishop is here. It is a simple ceremony during the Eucharist. Candidates come forward, we all recite the promises made at Baptism, then those being Confirmed or Received stand in front of the Bishop who lays her hands on your head and prays for you. Anyone desiring Baptism and/or Confirmation-Reception is invited to let Rev. Patti know right away so spiritual and practical preparations can be made within the next four months.





# *In Joyous Adoration*

ALL ARE INVITED! CELEBRATE THE  
SEASON WITH THE JUST JENSENS,  
ORGANIST TOM COLLINS, AND AN  
ENSEMBLE OF GIFTED VOCALISTS  
AND INSTRUMENTALISTS FROM  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOR A  
SPECIAL CONCERT TO CELEBRATE  
THE SEASON.

**21**  
DECEMBER  
AT 2:00 PM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
2238 PONY CREEK RD  
NORTH BEND, OR 97459



## A gathering following the framework of Quaker meetings,



4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**

**1290 Thompson Road\*Coos Bay, Oregon**



**SAVE the DATE: Sunday December 21, 7:00pm  
Emmanuel Episcopal Church  
400 Highland Avenue -- Coos Bay**

## **"Longest Night Christmas Observance"**

### **Feeling Blue for the HOLIDAYS?**

There are huge emotional expectations for this time of year that may go against real life challenges that one might be experiencing. We want to acknowledge and honor those realities and make a prayerful space. You are warmly invited to attend and/or invite someone you know who may be feeling 'outside' the season to come to the story of Jesus' birth in a way that names the real distress many people experience this time of year.

### **Who will be there?**

Folks from area churches and anyone who might need it! If you know someone who would benefit from such a time of prayer and reflection invite them to attend. You may even offer to drive them to the service as many older adults do not drive at night.

### **Vestry**

Nancylee Stewart, *Sr. Warden*.....Al Rumsch, *Jr. Warden*  
Jennifer Hope .....Jason Davidson  
Beth Bennison.....Kent Sharman  
Susan Foreman.....Dave Kronsteiner.....Pam Chaney  
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### **Useful Websites**

Emmanuel Parish: [www.episcopalcoosbay.org](http://www.episcopalcoosbay.org)

The Episcopal Church: [www.episcopalchurch.org](http://www.episcopalchurch.org)

The Lectionary Page: [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net)

Forward Movement: [www.forwardmovement.org](http://www.forwardmovement.org)

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