



 federated  
DECEMBER 22, 2024



*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
Pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for you.*

## Message for the Young at Heart

Pastor Vicki McGaw

### \* Passing of Christ's Peace

### \* Hymn

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

No. 134

### Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession

Pastor McGaw

One: God of safe spaces, we wish we were more like Mary who, in the face of great change, went and sought help. She didn't wait for help to find her; she walked to the shelter she needed.

**All: Too often we wait silently for the world to change around us instead of speaking up for the things we need. Forgive us for failing to care for ourselves the way you would care for us. Give us the courage to be more like Mary.**

One: God of safe places, we wish we were more like Elizabeth, who greeted Mary with laughter and contagious joy. How many people have crossed our doorstep and how many times have we failed to offer them extravagant welcome?

**All: Give us the courage of Mary, and the grace of Elizabeth. Gratefully we pray. Amen.**

### Words of Forgiveness

Pastor McGaw

One: Friends, even if we miss the person standing on our doorstep, even if we fail to care for ourselves the way God would care for us, even if we forget and ignore, turn away and shut down, God still loves us. There is nothing we can do to lose God's love. So rest in this promise:

**All: If we get lost, we will be found. If we mess up, we are forgiven. If we withhold love, God is lavish in loving us. We are claimed. We are loved. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**



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## Invitation to Generosity

Rev. Betsy Wooster

**Anthem**      *Celebrate the Coming of the Lord!* (Johnny Carr and Don Phillips)  
Federated Choir; Marcia Snavely, piano

\* **Doxology**      Tune: TRURO

**To God, all glorious heavenly light;  
To Christ revealed in earthly night;  
To God the Spirit now we raise;  
Our joyful songs of thankful praise.**

\* **Prayer of Dedication**      Pastor McGaw

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer**      Rev. Wooster

### Lord's Prayer

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.**

\* **Hymn**      *Canticle of the Turning*      [words on screen]

**Scripture**      Luke 1:39-55      Pastor McGaw and Rev. Wooster

**Sermon**      Pastor McGaw

\* **Hymn**      *Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming*      No. 126

\* **Benediction**      Pastor McGaw

**Postlude**      *God Rest You Merry* ( W. Held)      Marcia Snavely, organ

~ **Departing to Service** ~

## **UPCOMING WORSHIP**

Christmas Eve Services  
Tuesday, December 24th  
12:30PM, 4 PM, 6:30 PM

Music Begins 20-30 Minutes Before the Services