

December 24, 2025



Gathered at Federated Church: 76 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

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Christmas Eve

4 PM

Welcome to Christmas Eve at Federated Church

If you have no church home, this congregation invites you to share the exciting journey of faith with us. Jesus is at the center of all we are and do. Federated is a place to belong and a place to become.

Prelude	<i>Christmas Eve Pre-Service Music</i>	RISE to Shine Band
<i>Angels Medley</i> (Lakewood Music)		
<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> (arr. For King and Country)		
<i>Christmas Medley</i> (Influence Music)		
Welcome		Pastor Vicki McGaw
Call to Worship		Emma Thatcher
* Opening Hymn	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	No. 148
Advent Candle Lighting		Hively Family
Anthem	<i>A Baby Changes Everything</i> (Faith Hill)	RISE to Shine Band
Prayer of Confession		Pastor McGaw
One:	God-with-us, scripture tells us that you were born in a stable because there was no room in the inn. There was no room for a woman in need, no room for an innocent baby.	
All:	Forgive us. We should have learned our lesson by now, but just as others turned their backs on you, we continue to turn our backs on one another.	
One:	Teach us how to make room for one another and how to make room for you.	
All:	Carve out space in our hearts to love as you love, for we do not want to build hostility here.	

* Those who are able stand

One: We want to build your promised day. Guide us forward.
All: **With hope and honesty we pray. Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

Pastor McGaw

One: The angels say, "Be not afraid," and "Unto you a child is born." Christ is born for us, walked this earth for us, and forgives all of us. That's what love does. It makes room. It offers grace. It learns our names. So join me in offering these words of hope:

All: **Unto us a child is born. Unto us grace is given. May this good news change the very fabric of our lives. Christ has made room for all of us.**

Amen.

Anthem *Plans, Sands and Caravans* (Ruth Elaine Schram) **Federated Children's Choir**

Preparing for the Story

Charlotte Grube

Zechariah's Story Retold

MacKenzie Thatcher

Carol *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, v. 1* No. 150

Mary's Story Retold Charlotte Grube and Savannah Thatcher

Joseph's Story Retold Charlotte Gruenberg

Thatcher

Carol *What Child Is This* No. 162

The Angels' Story Told Anew

Electrolysis

• 11 • *Nights of Milk and Honey (Bull Elk Games): Evolution of Children's Stories*



This Sanctuary is equipped with a **Hearing Loop system** that works with all **Telecoil-equipped hearing aids** to amplify sound with excellent clarity.

Anthem	<i>Emmanuel</i> (Hannah Kerr)	<i>RISE to Shine Band</i>
Christmas Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		Emma Thatcher
Christmas Eve Offering		Pastor McGaw
Offertory	<i>Mary, Did You Know?</i> (M. Lowry /B. Greene)	Rosie Horvath, soprano Marcia Snavely, piano
Doxology		Tune: VENI EMMANUEL
	Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise God, all Spirit messengers below. Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.	
Prayer of Dedication		Pastor McGaw
The Service of Candle Lighting		Pastor McGaw and Emma Thatcher
Closing Carol	<i>Silent Night</i>	No. 145
Benediction		Pastor McGaw
Postlude	<i>Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)</i> (arr. Chris Tomlin)	RISE to Shine Band

~ *Departing to Service* ~

Director, RISE to Shine Band: Joshua Konow;
Director, Federated Children's Choir: Pat Haynish

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Christmas Eve Traditional Service * December 24th at 7:00pm

featuring the Federated Choir and Soloists

Sunday, December 28 at 10:00 AM

Revs. Judy & Brian Bagley-Bonner
A Service of Songs & Stories