

*December 24, 2025*



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

*Also streaming live at [YouTube.com/TheFederatedChurch](https://www.youtube.com/TheFederatedChurch)*



---

December 24, 2025

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**

*Christmas Eve Pre-Service Music*

RISE to Shine Band

*Angels Medley* (Lakewood Music)

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (arr. For King and Country)

*Christmas Medley* (Influence Music)

**Welcome**

Pastor Vicki McGaw

**Call to Worship**

Emma Thatcher

**\* Opening Hymn**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

No. 148

**Advent Candle Lighting**

Hively Family

**Anthem**

*A Baby Changes Everything* (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

---

**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

**Carol** *O Little Town of Bethlehem, v. 1,2* No. 144

**Joseph's Story Retold** Charlotte Grube and MacKenzie Thatcher

Carol *What Child Is This* No. 162

## The Angels' Story Told Anew Charlotte Grube and Savannah Thatcher

<b>Anthem</b>	<i>Night of a Million Angels</i> (Ruth Elaine Schram)	Federated Children's Choir
---------------	---	----------------------------

# Christmas Eve Meditation

Pastor McGaw



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

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