

December 24, 2025



Christmas Eve
7 PM Service

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

Also streaming live at YouTube.com/TheFederatedChurch



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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

<i>In Dulci Jubilo</i> (J.S. Bach)	Marcia Snavely organ
<i>Away in the Manger</i> (arr. A. Miller)	Kaleb Chesnic, flute and Marcia Snavely, organ
<i>Christmas Praise</i> (D. Lasky)	Nancy Isham, Kate Breen, Susan Brooks, Katie Harbage, Louisa Harbage, vocal quintet; Marcia Snavely, piano
<i>T'was in the Moon of Wintertime</i> (Huron Carol) (J. Martin)	Marcia Snavely, piano
<i>All Is Peace</i> (Heather Sorrenson)	Federated Choir; Marcia Snavely, piano
<i>He is Born</i> (Mark Albrecht)	Kaleb Chesnic, flute and Marcia Snavely, piano
<i>Ave Maria</i> (Bach/Gounod)	Lindsay Elmore, soprano and Marcia Snavely, organ
Director of Music Ministries: Joshua Konow	

Welcome

Pastor Vicki McGaw

Introductory Scripture

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Annabel Stein

Introit

Once in Royal David's City, v. 1,2, 4

No. 165

v. 1 Beth Rutkowski, soloist; v. 2 choir; v. 4 congregation

Call to Worship

Maren Koepf

* Opening Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

No. 148

Advent Candle Lighting

Karen and Lee Johns; Heidi Asplin

* 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.

* Those who are able stand

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.**

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.**

Preparing for the Story

Jenna Stein

Zechariah's Story Retold

Annabel Stein

Carol *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, v. 1*

No. 150

Mary's Story Retold

Jenna Stein; Annabel Stein

Carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem, v. 1, 2*

No. 144

Joseph's Story Retold

Jenna Stein; Annabel Stein

Anthem *Lux Arumque (Eric Whitacre)*

Federated Choir

The Angel's Story Told Anew

Jenna Stein; Annabel Stein

***Carol** *Angels We Have Heard on High, v. 1, 2*

No. 155

Christmas Eve Meditation

Pastor McGaw

Anthem *The First Noel (arr. Dan Forrest)*

Federated Choir;
Marcia Snavely, piano



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

Christmas Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Maren Koepf

Christmas Eve Offering

Pastor McGaw

Offertory

O Holy Night. (arr. C. Courtney)

*Bruce Gigax, soloist
Marcia Snavely, piano*

Doxology

**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.**

Tune: VENI EMMANUEL

Prayer of Dedication

Pastor McGaw

The Service of Candle Lighting

Pastor McGaw and Maren Koepf

Closing Carol

Silent Night

No. 145

Benediction

Pastor McGaw

Postlude

Postlude of Christmas Music (arr. Marcia Snavely)

Marica Snavely, organ

~ Departing to Service ~



UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 28th, 10:00am
Revs. Judy & Brian Bagley-Bonner
A Service of Songs and Stories