

Prayer List

We protect the confidential nature of our prayer requests.

The complete list of requested prayers is provided during worship rather than in this "online" bulletin.

You may contact the church office concerning any needs for prayer, or you may also email prayer requests to prayercircle@ottawapresby.org.

Announcements Cont.

Choir Practice will be held on Monday, December 22 at 7:30pm.

Christmas Eve Service: Music at 8:30pm, Worship begins at 9pm.

No Sunday School on December 28 & January 4th.

Join us Sunday, January 4, 2026 for a special Epiphany Celebration. We will gather in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m. for a potluck breakfast - bring something to share - casserole, fruit, bagels, pastries, etc). We'll share table fellowship and then have a special blessing liturgy, 'Chalking the Doors.' We'll finish in time for worship, where we'll continue our celebration. Everyone welcome - all ages and invite a friend to join you!

Liturgist and Flower signup sheets for 2026 are now posted on the bulletin board.

Pulpit Supply for Christmas Eve is Leslee Kirkconnell.

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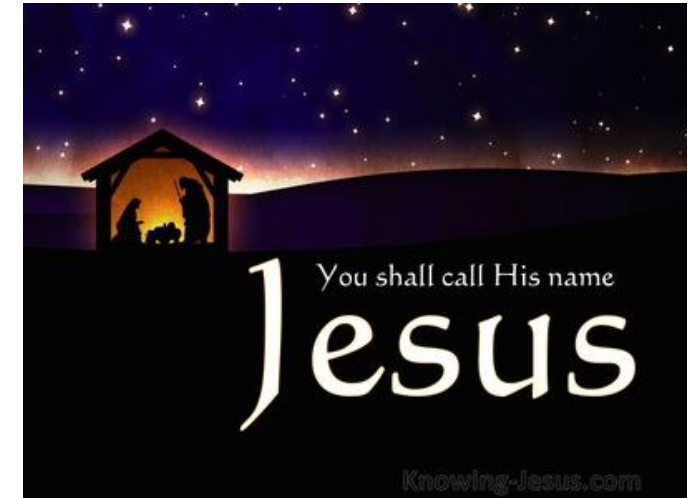
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Ottawa Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025

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Welcome to OPC!

Poinsettias are provided for the Christmas season by members of the congregation.

*The Congregation stands if able in body or spirit.
We welcome Ellen Hugunin this morning!

GATHERING

Welcome

One: Jesus says: I am coming soon.

All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Come, Over-flowing joy:

All: tip-toeing into our lives like the children on the holiest nights.

One: Come, Good News of grace:

All: prepare our hearts to welcome you, and all whose hopes have turned to ashes.

One: Come, Dreamer of peace:

All: so we may pour our lives and gifts into a world in need of reconciliation.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Badder family
Lighting the Flame of Hope

Joy: But you, Bethlehem, out of you will come the One who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from everlasting.

*Hymn *Love Has Come* #110

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

All: Come now, Reconciler of the nations, for our world, our lives, need your peace more than ever before. Come, Caller to discipleship, for we long to let go of our self-interest and narcissism. Come, Word Gifter, for we hunger to hear your voice once

again, ever always. Come Servant of the poor, so we notice you in all those we push past in this hectic season. Come, Silence of our nights and Holiness of our hearts, and forgive us for turning your compassion into commercials, your joy into jingles, your hope into hollow words, your love into lust for the short-lasting offerings of the world. May we find our way to the One born simply, born gracefully, for us – Jesus, the Child of wonder and life.

*Silent Prayer: Amen

*Words of Assurance

*Glory to God #582 & On screen

Choir Anthem *Prepare!*

THE WORD

Time with Kids Kate G.

New Testament Reading Matthew 1:18-25

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "It Takes a Community" Ellen Hugunin

RESPONSE

*Hymn *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* #82

Prayers of the People

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 heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Call to Offering

*The Doxology #606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Closing Hymn #119
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*Benediction & Charge

The Peace

One: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share signs of peace.

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Poinsettias are provided by the following members In Memory of Loved Ones:

Riepenhoff In Memory of

Katrina

Mike & Nancy Kaufman In Memory of Loved Ones

Myers In Memory of Loved Ones

Carrie In Memory of Loved Ones

Gillian Holzhauser-Graber In Memory of Rev. Dr.

Emil Holzhauser, Charlotte Holzhauser, & Dr. Virgil E.

Graber

Advent Food Pantry Drive: Last Day for Food Pantry needs.

Today: Canned pineapple & canned peaches

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