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 Cell  Home

First-time guest  
 Second-time guest  
 Regular attender  
 College student

I heard about Fifth... check all that apply:  
 From a friend/family  
 Online/Social Media  
 Walk-In  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

This is updated contact information.

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### Order of Worship

Gathering Time Randy Wolthuis

Call to Worship

\*Long Ago, Prophets Knew Hymnal #142, v. 1-3

Lighting of the Advent Candle Ted and Eleanor Vonk

I Will Wait for You/Psalm 130 (arr. Shane & Shane)

Time of Confession Becca Tellinghuisen

\*Light of the World (Lauren Daigle)

Sharing Christ's Peace

Offering: "In the Bleak Midwinter" Randy Wolthuis  
(Christina Rosetti/Gustav Holst)

Message: "Do Not Be Afraid to Hold Hope" Jon Sherrill

First in Series: Do Not Be Afraid

Scripture: Luke 1:26-45 Eleanor Vonk

Celebration at the Lord's Table & Prayer Ministry

All who trust Jesus as their Savior are welcome at the Table.  
Children are invited, at their parents' discretion.

There will be a prayer station near each communion station today.

You are invited to ask for prayer for yourself,  
someone else, or any other concern you hold in your heart.  
Come to a station any time after the start of communion.

Advent Hymn (Christy Nockels)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Sovereign Grace)

\*Let Us Be Known By Our Love (Bethel Music)

\*Benediction & Postlude

\*You are invited to stand, if you are able

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# Fifth

REFORMED CHURCH  
EST. 1886

Growing disciples who make disciples

December 3, 2023  
First Week of Advent

## WELCOME

Every journey begins with the first step, and we are thankful you have chosen the step of coming to Fifth Church. We are a community of faith, centered on the resurrection of Jesus and the new life God offers us in Christ.

We are a multi-generational community, and we celebrate that fact. No matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. If you believe in God some of the time, none of the time or all of the time, you are welcome here. If your skin is brown, black, white or any other color, you are welcome here. If you are married or single, rich or poor, happy or sad... you are welcome here.

We invite you to join us in becoming followers of Jesus – learning to live and lead like Jesus. And when you feel ready, take the next step of getting connected.

~ Pastor Jon Sherrill

## Getting Connected

When you complete a Connection Card either the physical version attached here, or the digital version through our church app, someone from the church will contact you to welcome you and begin a conversation about any questions you might have.

## Download our Church App

Text FIFTHRC APP to 833-573-9005 and you will receive a text response. Click the link in that response to access the app. Or search "Fifth Church" in the Play Store (Android) or App Store (iOS).

## TODAY

We begin our Advent series titled *Do Not Be Afraid*. When human beings confront the reality of God, our initial response is fear. But God's perfect love has the power to alleviate our fears, inviting us to a deeper trust and a more settled peace. Today we think about not being afraid to hold hope when life feels uncertain.

### Early Childhood | Infant - Age 3

Please register at the check-in desk before worship. Children go to Room 101 by 10AM.

### Preschool | 3—Pre-K

Please register at the check-in desk before 10AM. Children go to Room 102 by 10AM. Please pick up your children immediately following worship.

### Children at the Lord's Table

As we celebrate communion today, the pastors and elders at Fifth welcome children to The Lord's Table at their parents' discretion.

### Sunday Seminar | 11:20AM | Comm. Rm. 2

Topic: Remembering Those in Prison  
"Behind Our Walls" Video Presentation

### Liturgical Dance Rehearsal | 5PM | Sanctuary

Need more info? See Sue Wilson.

### Student Ministries

Large group meets tonight. Middle and high school students are welcome. A meal is provided. It's also the time to sign up for winter camp from January 12-14! Connect with Sam Eldersveld if your child needs to sign up. Also, for current 8-12 graders, sign-ups are out for the backpacking trip in Colorado in June.

### Membership Directories 23-24

Find them on the counter in the Information Corridor. Refills are available for those with last year's directory.

## NEWS & UPDATES

### Family Promise @ Fifth | Dec. 3-10

Guests are arriving at Fifth today. Because of all who have volunteered we are ready for the week! All are welcome to join right after worship in Community Room 3 to hear specific ways you can be praying this week and to share in a brief time of prayer together for our guests and volunteers.

### Wednesday Night | Dec. 6

FREE Community Meal | 5:45-6:30PM  
A STELLAR Christmas | 6:30PM, everyone welcome! An evening of worship and retelling the Christmas story.  
Advent & Christmas Eve Choir Rehearsal | 7:30PM

### Christmas Caring Cards

Prepare special Christmas greetings to those of our Fifth Family who currently have limited participation in church life! A list of names and instructions can be found on the counter in the Information Corridor.

### Christmas Eve Choir (Grades 6—adult)

Rehearsals: 12/6—7:30PM, 12/13 & 12/20 - 6:30PM

## ADVENT GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

### Global Gift Giving

RCA's "Gift of Hope" giving puts needed gifts into the hands of less fortunate people around the world.

### Angel Tree Giving - Take a tag today!

Consider taking a tag from the Angel Tree, purchasing a gift appropriate to the age and gender listed on the tag, and returning that gift –unwrapped– by Dec. 10.

### Mexico Water Project: Providing water filters

near Valladolid. These financial gifts will provide a whole village filter as well as some home filters in Sisbichen, where Fifth's missionary, Pastor Eduardo, has a church plant.

## SAVE THE DATE

Senior Event | Dec. 12 | 12:30PM

Christmas Eve Worship | 5PM (Childcare - age 3)

## CONNECTION CARD

Please give your name on the reverse side and place in the offering basket.

- I am interested in singing in **Christmas Eve Choir**, 5PM worship. (Grade 6-adult)
- I would like to receive **Fifth's eNews** at this email address:

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

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- Share with Prayer Team Only
- Share with Whole Congregation

### Ministry Staff:

Jon Sherrill, Lead Pastor  
Brian Telzerow, Pastor of Congregational Life  
Janna Lange, Worship Arts Director  
Sam Eldersveld, Student Ministries Pastor  
Lindsey Lugo, Children's Ministries Director  
Paul Kortenhoven, Senior Adult Ministries

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