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Welcome

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

This is updated contact information.

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Order of Worship

Prelude Randy Wolthuis

Gathering: *I Will Wait for You* Psalm 130

Light of the Advent Candles Steve & Janet Kremers

Come, *Light our Hearts* (Sandra McCracken)

Call to Worship Jennifer Holberg

"Waiting for Christmas" (Kathie Hill) King's Kids Choir

*O Come, O Come, *Emmanuel* (arr. Sovereign Grace)

Prayers of Confession Sam Eldersveld

Word of Assurance:
 "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" King's Kids Choir
 Women's Choir, Bell Choir

Sharing Christ's Peace

Offertory: "Ring Merrily" (Barbara Kinyon) Bell Choir

"God's Face" Jon Sherrill
 Second in Series: *Under the Stars of Bethlehem*
 Scripture: Ruth 2 Jennifer Holberg

Celebration at the Lord's Table Wendy Nollet & Pastors

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

**He Will Hold Me Fast* (Getty Music)

*Benediction & Sending (Unison)

Postlude

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

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Fifth
 REFORMED CHURCH
 EST. 1886

December 7, 2025
 Second Sunday 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 Center App

To get started with the app on your mobile device: Download it from the App Store, or Get It On Google Play. Once installed, open the app and search for "Fifth Reformed Church." If you're using a computer, simply visit: Church Center Online. All of these options are available on the homepage of the church website.

TODAY

This second Sunday of Advent, we continue our series in Ruth titled *Under the Stars of Bethlehem*. It's the story of an ordinary family that experienced extraordinary loss. Tragedy had called into question God's care and provision, but they hoped against hope that God would show up. Unlike other books of the Bible, Ruth has no flashy wonders and miracles, just the miraculous faithfulness of God's people to one another in a time of darkness and despair. And we begin to see that God uses the loving faithfulness of others to be present with us in our pain. As Ruth accompanied Naomi, so Jesus accompanies us.

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.

College-Age Connection | TODAY 11:30AM

All college-age persons are **invited for lunch** after worship. Comm Room 3 (behind the kitchen).

Student Ministries

Middle and high school students are invited to large group tonight at 6PM in the church lobby. A meal is provided and friends are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE

Christmas Eve Worship | Wed., Dec. 24 | 5:00PM
Rainforest Fall VBS | July 20-23 | 9AM-Noon

NEWS & UPDATES

Wednesdays @ Fifth—December 10

- King's Kids & Friends Musical KICK-OFF Rehearsal 5:00-6:00PM (1st grade & older invited)
- Free Community Meal 5:45-6:30PM
- Fifth Kids Advent Event 6:20PM-7:45PM
- Advent Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM
- Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM

ADVENT GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

1) Global Gift Giving

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

2) 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. 12.

3) Valladolid Mission Trip

Financial gifts will support the mission trip in June and any extra supplies they need to help Pastor Eduardo.

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.

Seniors & Friends Event | Dec. 9 | 12:00PM

Old-Fashioned Christmas Carol Hymn Sing and pigs-in-the-blanket. All are welcome!

Baptism | We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism

approximately four times per year. The next date is Jan. 11. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or your child, please complete the Connection Card or contact the Elders at eggknecht@gmail.com.

VBS 2026 Need - brown craft paper tucked in your Amazon packages, and Styrofoam pieces. Blue barrel by the nursery.

CONNECTION CARD

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

- I would like to know more about participating in **Worship & Music Ministry**.
- I would be interested in **Baptism** for myself or my child/ren on Jan. 11.
- I would like to receive **Fifth's eNews** at this email address:

PRAAYER REQUESTS

- Share with Prayer Team Only
- Share with Whole Congregation

*To request prayers directly, please email prayer@fifthrc.org

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