

The  
CONGREGATIONAL



CHURCH of EASTON

The church on the hill

First Sunday after Christmas

December 28, 2025

Reverend Jean Remember

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice in God, who is our life and salvation.  
Christ has come to make us heirs of God's promises.

**All: God opens our eyes to see the light.  
We are children of the Most High.**

One: Men and women, youth and aged,  
Sing of God's glory; shout your praise.

**All: God has made us heirs of promise.  
We will praise God's holy name.**

### \*\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Faithful God, by whose Spirit all people and places become holy, lead us by the Spirit today. We have come to celebrate a birth that offers us rebirth. We have gathered that you may claim us as heirs, with Christ, of eternal life. Unite our hearts and minds in a chorus of praise, that the life of this church might be quickened, renewed, and re-focused. May your faithful people become a crown of beauty in your hands, Amen.**

**\*\*Those who are able may stand.**

PH-Red Pilgrim Hymnal NCH-Black New Century Hymnal BH-Little Blue Hymnal

**\*\*HYMN #459 NCH**

*“Come, O Fount of Every Blessing.”*

*all 3 verses*

**\*\*UNISON CALL TO CONFESSION**

We bring our prayers to you, gracious God, sensing that there is more to life than the ways we have known. We are drawn to the Messiah, yet we shrink from following where faith leads. We are afraid of what we might lose if we're guided by the Spirit. Thoughts of sacrifice and servanthood are not appealing to us. We are reluctant to enter into a close relationship with you. We think we know, better than you, what is best for us. Forgive our arrogance. Help us see the Christ. Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**\*\*Response of Praise #513 PH** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.*

**CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**PRAYERS**

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer (In Unison)**

**Choral Response #769 NCH** *Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God. Incline your ear to us and grant us your peace. Amen.*

**\*\*HYMN #2 BH**

*“Amazing Grace”*

*all 4 verses*

## **THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES**

God asks us for an accounting of what we have done with the wealth entrusted to us. All that we have and all that we are belongs to God. May we give with thankfulness.

### **OFFERTORY**

Gathering of the gifts with Offertory

**\*\*Doxology #515 PH *Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Presentation of the gifts with praise

### **\*\*UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Holy one, we thank you for the ways in which you have enfolded us in your love and called us by name to follow your son, Jesus. May these gifts and our lives be used to enfold others in your love. Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE**

1 John 2:14-17

### **MESSAGE**

“Love Not the World”

**\*\*HYMN #177 PH**

*“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

*all 4 verses*

### **\*\*BENEDICTION**

### **\*\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

### **POSTLUDE**

**Please join us for coffee hour and fellowship across the street.**

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**Confirming Deacon**– Jim Waterbury  
**Offering** - Pat McCarty and Don Boyce  
**Collector** - Debbie Szegedi  
**Coffee Hour** - Church Family

A blessed Advent to you! Today as we worship, we begin the season of anticipation, hope, and preparation for the coming Messiah. If you are visiting, "Welcome!", and we invite you to sign our guest book. Everyone is invited to join us across the street for fellowship after worship.

Prayer List Please keep our members and friends in your prayers and especially at this time: Prayers for healing for June's brother, Claude; healing for 13 year old, Mikey, in intensive care from a bad car accident; Prayers for Debbie Olson and her family with the loss of her mother, Annabelle Lee; and the family and friends of Nathalie Taranto with her sudden passing.

Please pray for all who mourn or need special prayers of intention, for our congregation, and for friends of our community. You may fill out a Prayer Request Card, or call or email the church office to add or remove a name from the list. Thank you for your prayers.

**Planning Ahead:**



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