

Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church

December 21, 2025 Large Print

Onancock, VA



FOURTH SUNDAY
OF
Advent

Our Mission Statement

“Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, and don’t take yourself too seriously—take God seriously.” Micah 6:8

Compassionate, Fair and Loyal

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Welcome to worship! We are glad you joined us today. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join in the fellowship and ministry of this congregation. We look forward to seeing you again. Please fill out one of the visitor cards and drop it in the offering plate.

Prayer Concerns Andrew May, Johnson Chen, baby Rowan, Gabe Nock, John Hill, Pam Nielsen, Wilma Motley, George Heinrichs, Marsh Ryon, Randy Schwartz, Alice Nelson, Nancy Bisker, Yara Rose Maghdouri, Becky Lock, Virginia Dunning, Terri Lynn Redmond, Emily Kellam.

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Debbie Ryon

Choir Director

December 21, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Advent

***Asterisk is to stand in body or spirit. Bold print is congregational response.**

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Choral Opening (all are invited to sing)

On This Day

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Pam and AJ Nielsen

Call to Worship

Come away from times of weariness.

Dare to accept the energy God offers you.

Restore our energy, O Source of all power.

Let your goodness flow through us.

Come away from all your insignificant distractions.

Dare to let God show you a larger picture.

Lead us to think of others in new ways.

Let us find grace and peace in Emmanuel.

Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

Shepherding God, whose signs are everywhere, restore in us your light that we may discern what you are about. Shine upon this assembly to give life to our tired routines. Fill our long hearts with quiet confidence. Awaken the child in us to experience your revelation. By your presence with us, deepen the prayers we utter, and turn our fears to eager anticipation. Touch us to lend strength and confidence as we reach out to one another for help and healing. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

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Prayer of Confession

O God, you have called us to be apostles of your grace, but we have been judgmental instead of gracious. We condemn in others what is also, all too often, in us. We refuse to listen to others' pain or to understand the source of their tears. We avoid those who are angry or scornful or embittered. It is easier to dismiss the feelings of others than to offer true empathy. We would rather reject than encounter them. Yet you come to us, Emmanuel, and we want to repent. You reach out to us, and our hearts melt. We want to embrace this new life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Believe the Good News of the Gospel! **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**Gloria Patri* #113

Gloria in excelsis Deo! (2x)

*Affirmation of Faith

Advent Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, creator and lover of the earth, origin and destiny of us all. We believe in Jesus the Christ— God coming to us in the fragile promise of a baby yet unborn—who emerges as the herald of hope, God's laughter in the face of despair. Plunged into death and hell, he broke free the captives, and is leading the way to the land of promise where justice and peace will flourish. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who implants the seed of truth, brings us to birth as the body of Christ, and empowers us to confront and transform all that is corrupt, degrading and deceitful. We believe in the coming reign of God. Announced by the Baptist, it has drawn near to us in Jesus, and will be consummated in the glorious marriage of earth and heaven, when all who have passed through the world's deep sorrow will be raised from the waters, robed in righteousness, and gathered into the joyous fulfilment of God's desire. For the coming of that day on this day, we work and pray: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

[Source: Nathan Nettleton]

Reading

Isaiah 7:10-16; Matthew 1:18-25

Anthem

Silent Night

by Ron Klusmeier

Sermon

A Perfect Christmas

Rev Geneviève Beauchamp

*Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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Prayers of the People and The 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 in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering /Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Hymn

Joy to the World!

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*Benediction

*Benediction Response [All]

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Postlude



This Week: December 21st-December 27th :

- Sunday 12/21: Fourth Sunday of Advent, Sunday School @ 9:45 am, The Longest Night Service @ 6:00 pm
- Tuesday 12/23: Yoga 5:45-6:45 pm
- Wednesday 12/24: Christmas Eve service @ 7:00 pm

Upcoming Events:

-12/21: Sunday School @ 9:45 am, The Longest Night Service @ 6:00 pm

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- Thank you to everyone who provided food for the ESCADV dinner. The residents were very appreciative of the Christmas dinner provided to them.

