Order of Worship

1st Sunday of Advent

November 29th, 2026

The Rev. Stacey Jones-Anderson

You are invited to stand in body or spirit, as you are able.

Pre-Service Music *With You* by Anne Marie David

(Please take this time to write any prayer requests you may have on the prayer cards in the pews. They will be received during the offering and shared during prayers of the people).

Greeting The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**

***Call to Worship** Liturgist, Dennis Sibley

Liturgist: Thanking God for one another,
People:we gather to worship and pray.
Liturgist: We are richly blessed in everything we need,
People: we gather in trust and hope.
Liturgist: We are loved faithfully in Christ Jesus,
All: we gather to sing and rejoice. AMEN

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Corrine, Rebcca and Family
See Insert

***Advent Hymn** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* (vs. 1 & 2) UMH#196

*__Unison Opening Prayer__ Dennis Sibley

Creator God, create us anew this Advent season. Mold us to more firmly into your image. Wake us to recognize your voice and listen deeply for your guidance. Show us the signs that lead us closer to you, and help us bring your love to everyone we meet. In Advent hope, we pray. Amen.

Passing of the Peace Dennis Sibley

Community Connections

Children's Message

Receiving God's Tithes and Prayers

Offertory Music *Bring Us Hope* *by Ruth Elaine Schram* Sanctuary Choir

***Doxology** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* #95

*__Unison Offertory Dedication and Prayer__ Dennis Sibley

Gracious God, bless these gifts to shine with the face of your love. Bless our lives to reveal Christ's presence in the world. Bless us to be faithful servants each and every day. In the light of your love, we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Reflection *Emmanuel* (sing twice) UMH #204

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading Isaiah 64: 1-9 Dennis Sibley

Sermonic Hymn *Open My Eyes, That I May See* UMH #454

Sermon *Worth the Wait* Pastor Stacey

***The Apostle's Creed** UMH page 881

***Closing Hymn** *Blessed Be the God of Israel* UMH #209

*__Mission Statement (screen)__ Dennis Sibley

Leader: We are a community called to worship and glorify God by
People: Bringing People to Christ,
Growing People in Christ,
And Serving People for Christ.
Leader: This is our mission
All: Thanks be to God!

***Benediction and Sending Forth**

***Postlude** *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* arr. John A. Behnke

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Church Office Hours: Tue., Wed., Thurs., 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Today's altar flowers are sponsored
IN HONOR & GLORY OF GOD

PRAYER LIST

Lynne Brook, Mary & Carl Blank, Marybeth Williams, Debra, Bill, Loved ones of Steven Skoda, the Everett family, James, Colleen, Genevieve, Jamez, Stacey, Donna & Randy S., Grover F., George, Beverly, Debbie, Brian, Dean, Scheree, Rich, Sabrina, Bob H., the Schultz family, Madison, Jaxson, Carly, Michael, Luciana, Gene, Heather, Sue, Brian & Teresa, Mama Roz, Carolyn, Martha, Tom & family, Colin & family, Dolly, Debbie, Gail, Debra, Terry B., Joan, Kathy, Helen, Chrisie, Linda, Melissa, Jeff, Jim & Sarah, Jon, Kukon family, John, Sofia, Aimee, Lila, Sue, Nicole, the Dare family, Toby, Megan's Mother, Baby Isaiah, Smith Family, John, Darlene, Jeff, Audrey & Don Serfass, Dawn Kerr, Alice Kennedy, Dave, Bruce, Miss Juina, Mark Brooks, Tracey Kimmey, Liz Bennis, Wendy, Nathan J. Those in recovery, the unhoused and the food insecure.

Philadelphia
BRONZE
Handbell Choir
presents *Christmas Carols from Around the World*

One Night, Many Nations



December 13th
4:30 p.m.



Join the Crochet/Knit Club on
Dec. 6th following worship - God Squad Rm.
Zero experience needed; Yarn and Crochet supplies included; make your own item.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA



10 a.m. - December 13th
Performed by The Emilie Sanctuary Choir
&
The Handbell Choir
Please join us as we celebrate the coming of our Lord & Savior!

POINSETTIAS



Please help beautify our Sanctuary for Christmas Eve by purchasing poinsettia plants in honor or memory of loved ones. The names of donors and loved ones will be printed in an insert included in the Christmas Eve worship bulletin. Order forms are on the table in the Narthex.
Cost is $8 each and the deadline for orders is Nov. 23rd.

SHARE-A-CHRISTMAS

Share-a-Christmas donations give the opportunity to dedicate a special gift in honor or memory of a designated person(s). The donations collected are used to help to provide financial gifts to members of our church community this Christmas. Order forms are in the Narthex. Donation deadline: December 7th.

ADVENT DECORATING



Today following the service
A light lunch will follow once decorating is completed.

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BAPTISM NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 6TH
Baby Elizabeth Bropleh
Daughter of Emanuel Jr. & Danielle Nyenapo Bropleh

THIS WEEK AT EMILIE

Sunday—God Squad, 6-7:30 p.m.
Chaos Youth Group, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Monday—Girl Scout Troop, 6 p.m.
Tuesday—Thrift Store, 6-7:30 p.m.
Scouts Troop, 7 p.m.
Wednesday—Thrift Store, 6-7:30 p.m.
Thursday--Handbell Choir, 7 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir, 8 p.m.
EUMC Disciple 3 Fasttrack, 6:30-8 p.m.
Saturday—Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8 a.m.

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SAVE THE DATE



Nov. 29th, Advent Decorating following worship
Dec. 6th, Crochet/Knit Club, following worship
Dec. 6th, Parsonage Open House, 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.
Dec. 13th - Christmas Cantata, 10 a.m.
Dec. 13th - Philadelphia Bronze Concert, 4:30 p.m.

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PRAYER, & SERVICE
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NOVEMBER 29TH, 2026
10 A.M.

BRINGING PEOPLE TO CHRIST,
GROWING PEOPLE IN CHRIST,
SERVING PEOPLE FOR CHRIST.