

Looking ahead at the December calendar

Today, December 7 – 10:00 am Worship Hour.

Sermon, Rev. Joe Hackett. Choir singing. Coffee Hour following the service.

Tuesday, December 9 – 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Advent Bible Study at FCC of Rochester.

Friday, December 12 – 11:00 am Ladies Luncheon at Chances.

Come join us for lunch! Followed by cookie packing at the church. Please let Mary Krall know if you are planning on joining us for lunch. There will be a sign-up sheet in the entryway of the church. You can also call Mary Krall at 262-492-6523. Small cookies and bars are needed and can be dropped off on Friday morning.

Sunday, December 14 – 10:00 am Worship Hour.

Sermon, Rev. Joe Hackett. Special Music by Vicki Will. Coffee Hour following the service.

Tuesday, December 16 – 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Advent Bible Study at FCC of Rochester.

Sunday, December 21 – 10:00 am Worship Hour.

Sermon, Rev. Joe Hackett. Choir singing.

Tuesday, December 23 – 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Advent Bible Study at FCC of Rochester.

Wednesday, December 24 – 7:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Sermon, Rev. Joe Hackett. Christmas Eve Program with the Choir.

Thursday, December 25 – MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Prayer Concerns

Lori Haley, hospice

Daniel Hays

Torin, autism

Elizabeth Joseph

Morgan Haley

Viveca Persson, Agneta's sister

Rigmor Alexander, Agneta's sister

Morton Zimmerman

Cindy Ovokaitys

Allen Miles

Oscar, Brain tumor

Faith Community Church

The lost and wandering souls

Peace and Good Will on Earth

Those dealing with loss

God's Providence for Israel

the Middle East

Our Church Covenant

We agree to maintain the institutions of the Gospel by giving of our service and our money in such ways shall seem to us most pleasing to our Lord and Master and will endeavor to the utmost to walk together in mutual helpfulness and brotherly love.

(Adopted at the Annual Meeting on January 23, 2000)

*Let the peace of God rule in your hearts...
and be ye thankful.*

COLOSSIANS 3:15 (KJV)

PEACE



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ROCHESTER
 ROCHESTER, WISCONSIN
 December 7, 2025
 Second Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE	MEDITATION*	CHURCH BELL
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ruth Frost, Moderator

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Peace Kim and Brian Mingus and Family

INTROIT: Choir

***OPENING HYMN:** # 84 “Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People”

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:** (responsive)
 One: Get ready, people of God! The time of hope and peace is at hand.
 All: **We are called to action rather than reaction.**
 One: Open your hearts to God’s word and God’s will.
 All: **Help us to be workers for God rather than observers.**
 One: Come, draw near to God in faith.
 All: **Let us prepare our hearts to receive the wondrous gifts of God.**

***THE GLORIA PATRI:** #558

***THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION:** (unison)
 Gracious and loving God, as we gather here for worship on this second Sunday of Advent, we come before You with grateful hearts. We thank You for the gift of hope that was kindled last week and for the promise of peace that this season brings. In a world that longs for calm and restoration, we seek Your presence to guide us, comfort us, and renew us.
 Fill us with Your Spirit so that we may proclaim Your love with courage, serve our neighbors with compassion, and walk in faith as we await the joyful celebration of Christ’s birth. In Jesus’ name, we pray.
 Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer (debts)

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #133 “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 3:1-12

SERMON: Rev. Joe Hackett

SPECIAL MUSIC: Choir

SHARING OUR LIVES TOGETHER:
 Thanksgivings
 Concerns of the Community

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
 Silent Prayer
 Prayers of Adoration
 Community Prayer
 Heavenly Father,
 We thank You for bringing us together as a church family. Bless our community with unity, love, and compassion. Guide our hearts to serve one another and reach out to those in need. May Your presence be felt among us, giving us strength, hope, and peace.
 In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

SHARING OUR GIFTS:
 Call to Giving
 Doxology
 Offering Prayer
 Gracious God, as we bring these gifts, prepare our hearts for the coming of your Son. May our offerings reflect our hope and our trust in your promise. Fill us with peace as we await Christ’s arrival. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN:** # 83 “People, Look East” Verses 1&5

***BENEDICTION:**
 Advent people, go now in the blessing and inspiration of God to live God’s story wherever you go, that your lives may be an invitation to others to join in the journey to the day that all the earth awaits.

POSTLUDE:

*** Denotes that all who are able should stand**