

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

December 21, 2025

Spirit, Community, Action – Inside & “Out” Celebrating 44 Years of Being Out in Northern Virginia!

There is a book at the Sanctuary entry where prayer requests may be entered.

There is also a Square device at the Sanctuary entry if you would like to make your Offering Donation via credit card.

Like Life, The Order of Worship is Subject to Change Without Notice

Gathering Music

Jorge Martinez

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Emma Chatten

Centering

At the sound of the singing bowl,
please take a few moments to prepare yourself for our worship together

Illumination

Tee

Prayer Introduction

Choir

Prayers of the Community

David Teodosio

Lighting The Advent Candle of LOVE

Song of Response

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

No. 116
Verses 1, 2, 6, 7

First Reading

~ adapted from Christy McLish in “Tis The Season: What On Earth For?”

What is Christmas all about? Giving or receiving gifts? Not everybody can, and not everyone will. Lights and decorations? Not everyone has them, either inside or outside, and besides, the history of Christmas linked with lights and decorations has little to do with the spiritual celebration. Spending time with family and friends? Yes, many will do that over the holiday season, yet not everyone is able, and some will be alone.

So how do I find the feeling and the meaning? What on earth is Christmas all about?

Second Reading ~ from Luke 2:8-15

Ken Williamson

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field... ..keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the God came upon them... ..and the glory of the God shone round about them... ..and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them: "Fear not, for, behold, I bring you tidings of great joy... ..which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a savior... ..which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you. Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." And suddenly, there was with the angel... ..a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth, peace, goodwill toward all."

Christmas Stories

“And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them, the shepherds said one to another... ‘Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass which God has made known to us.’”

Homily

What Has God Made Known to You?

Rev. Emma Chattin

Song of Response

Hark The Herald

No. 144

Community Dialogue

Offering Invitation

Cornelius Butler

Offertory

We Are An Offering
by Dwight Liles

MCC NoVA Choir

❧ Welcome To The Table! ❧

Lee Shadwick and Rev. Emma Chattin

Invitation To The Table

Consecration & Words of Institution

Sharing The Open Meal of Christ

Time of Individual Prayer and Blessing

Community Blessing ~ Rev. Emma

Closing Song

Angels We Have Heard on High

No. 125

Benediction and Sending Forth

Rev. Emma Chattin

Postlude

❧ Go in Peace ❧