

# December 29, 2024

## First Sunday after Christmas

*Living "In Between"*

**The Sounds of Silence**

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**Luke 2:41-52**

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and Family Ministries

## **We Gather**

### **Announcements**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### **Storer Memorial Carillon**

#### **Prelude**

*I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*, arr. Gilbert M. Martin

Dr. Kirby Koriath, organ

Dr. Sally Kang, piano

#### **\*Opening Hymn**

*Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*

Hymn #240

#### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: God's love has come to earth to dwell with us.

**All: Sing for joy with the angels.**

Leader: We are God's chosen people, loved and cherished.

**All: Sing for joy with the angels.**

Leader: The birth of Love has changed us forever.

**All: Sing for joy with the angels. Let us sing, praise, rejoice, and worship together!**

#### **\*Welcome & Greeting**

#### **\*Passing of the Peace**

### **We Proclaim**

#### **Children's Moment**

Children are invited forward for a lesson with Mr. Bob. After the children's moment, they are invited to children's church with Ms. Joy. Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the service.

#### **Special Music**

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### **\*Gospel Reading**

Luke 2:41-52 (NRSV)

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were

\*Indicates congregation to stand in body or spirit.

astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Living "In Between:" The Sounds of Silence

Bob Myers, Lay Leader

## **WE RESPOND**

### **Prayer Concerns & Community Life**

Prayer concerns and celebrations may be submitted to [info@munciehighstreet.com](mailto:info@munciehighstreet.com); they will be prayed for by the prayer team and staff.

**Choral Call to Prayer**

*Prepare the Way of the Lord*

Sanctuary Choir

**Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**All: God of the Incarnation, you are the Parent of all creation. You know what it is to love your children passionately. And you know how it feels when your children turn away. We, your children, love you passionately, but we sometimes turn away. Sometimes we turn our backs on you; we pretend we don't need a parent anymore. Forgive us, loving God. Teach us your wisdom. Tell us your stories. Help us to grow in our faith and discipleship to be more like Jesus. Amen.**

### **Words of Assurance**

Leader: Children of God, when you feel no one understands you, sit at Christ's feet. Ask the hard questions and listen for the answers. You are not alone. God loves you and forgives you.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Brief Time of Silence**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

Hymn #895

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Call to the Giving Life**

**Offertory Anthem**

*There's a Song in the Air*, arr. Tedd Smith and Don Hustad

Dr. Kirby Koriath, organ  
Dr. Sally Kang, piano

**\*Doxology**

Hymn #219

(To the tune of *What Child is This?*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

**\*Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Farewell to Pastor Daryl**

**All: We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness,  
and accept that you now leave to retire and care for yourself.  
We express our gratitude for your time among us.  
We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes.  
Your influence on our faith and faithfulness  
will not leave with your retirement.**

**All: Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting,  
we give you thanks for cherished memories and commend one another into your care as we move in  
new directions. Keep us one in your love forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**WE ARE SENT FORTH**

**\*Closing Hymns**

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Hymn #251

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**Choral Benediction**

**Postlude**

*A Carol Fantasy*, arr. Gilbert M. Martin

Dr. Kirby Koriath, organ  
Dr. Sally Kang, piano

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

## Church Announcements

**Announcements** – Announcements may be submitted only at [bit.ly/announcementsmunciehighstreet](https://bit.ly/announcementsmunciehighstreet). They are to be submitted by noon on Wednesday before Sunday service.

**Giving Envelopes:** 2025 Giving Envelopes will be available in the church office.

**Church Hours** -- Mon 12/30 - 9a - 3p (regular hours)

-- Tues 12/31 - 9a - noon

-- CLOSED Wed 1/1 in observance of New Year's Day

-- Thurs 1/2 - 9a - 3p (regular hours)

**Love Offering** - This will be the last day to submit a love offering for Pastor Daryl. Please note on your envelopes or checks that the funds will go to Pastor Daryl.

**Movie Night** -Join us on January 17, at 6:00 pm in Parish Hall for Family Movie Night. Suggested donations of \$5/person, no more than \$20/family. The movie this month is ICE AGE.

**There are many ways to respond to God's love through giving -**

--In-person, by placing offerings in plates as ushers come through

--Text 765/222-5007

--Online: [highstreetumc.breezechms.com/give/online](https://highstreetumc.breezechms.com/give/online) (or scan the QR code below)

--Set up an automatic bank withdrawal through Diana (Church office)

--Drop off in person during church office hours.

## Youth & Children's Announcements

**Project 219 Student Ministries** - Happy New Year. See you on January 12th.

### SNAPSHOT for Giving/Missions

Last's week Church Giving // Budgeted	\$13,108.80/ \$7,981.00
December Giving Total // Budgeted:	\$43,334.40/\$35,584.00
Income for December // December Expenses:	\$44,585.52// \$33,016.62
Inc. YTD 2024 // Exp. YTD 2024:	\$484,625.08// \$466,389.86
2025 Giving paid in 2024 Totals:	\$16,231.94
Total Mission Samaritan:	\$40.00
Total Mission Pantry:	\$912.05
Attendance for December 22, 2024:	
In-person worship:	146
Social Media views online:	72
Grand Total for Worship	218



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### Sunday Schedule

Coffee Bar	8:30 - 11:30 am
Bethany Class (Adult Sunday School)	8:45 am
Children's Sunday School	9:00 am
Traditional Worship Service	10:00 am
It's All About Jesus (Adult Sunday School)	11:15 am
Project 219 Student Ministries	4:30 - 6 pm

### Food Pantry Needs

Rice #1 bags  
Peanut Butter  
Beans 16 oz - black/red/kidney  
Soup - Chicken noodle, tomato or vegetable  
Diced tomatoes 16 oz  
Vegetables canned 16 oz

