

# 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## THANKOFFERING

November 28, 2021—9:00am & online



  
Burke Lutheran Church  
**Reconnect.**

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***“Preach. Teach. Reach.”***

## PRELUDE

*Everyone giggles and chats while waiting for service to begin.*

## WELCOME

*Please rise.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

**P** God for whom we wait,

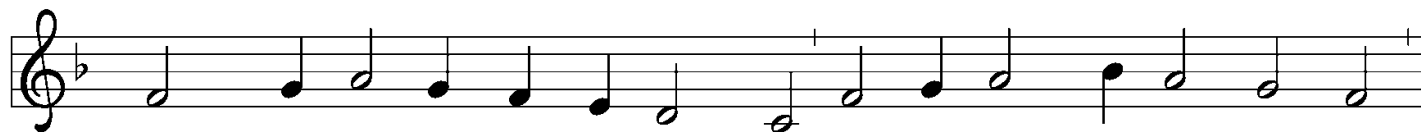
**C** **in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.**

**P** God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, † your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

### Comfort, Comfort Now My People



- 1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
- 2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
- 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.  
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.  
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!  
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.  
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er.  
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.

Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseauxes de David*, Geneva, 1551

## GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

*Please be seated.*

# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Text: *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite  
Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.  
Text sts. 2, 6, 7 © 1997 Augsburg Fortress.

## ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING

- P At every beginning there is a yearning for the one who is coming. O Emmanuel,
- C **Wake us up to your coming.**
- P We gather together to expect the unexpected and imagine the unimaginable. O Emmanuel,
- C **Wake us up to your coming.**
- P We wait for the day when God will recycle tanks into tractors and transform minefields into soccer fields. O Emmanuel,
- C **Wake us up to your coming.**

P We stay awake by telling stories that offer a glimmer of a future and agitate dormant hope within us. O Emmanuel,

C **Wake us up to your coming.**

P Jesus, we welcome your presence now with the lighting of this candle, whose flame brings warmth to winter and fills this place with the glow of hope.

C **Amen.**

## O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 7/8 time. The melody is simple and processional, featuring eighth and quarter notes with some ties. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span multiple notes. The word 'Refrain' is written above the third staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line on the fourth staff.

3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe. *Refrain* Re-joice! Re-joice!  
Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

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## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **God of hope,**

**How often have we found ourselves in exile, separated from your presence! Restore us, and let us find you when we seek you. Amen.**

## GOSPEL

*John 14:25-31 (p. 877)*

**R** <sup>25</sup>I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate,<sup>\*</sup> the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. <sup>30</sup>I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; <sup>31</sup>but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.

**R** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you O Christ.**

*Please rise.*

## GOSPEL VERSE

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## NARRATIVE READING

*Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14 (p. 638)*

P <sup>29</sup>These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. <sup>4</sup>Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup>Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup>Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. <sup>7</sup>But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

<sup>8</sup>For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, <sup>9</sup>for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord.

<sup>10</sup>For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfil to you my promise and bring you back to this place. <sup>11</sup>For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

<sup>12</sup>Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. <sup>13</sup>When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, <sup>14</sup>I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

**P** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

*Pastor Robert Nuebert*

*Please rise.*



## Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

## THE CREED

**P I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**P Called together in the Spirit's embrace, let us pray for the renewal of the church, for those in need, and for all of God's creation.**

*A brief silence.*

**R We pray, holy God, for the unity of the church universal: Draw your people together into one great company of disciples, together following our teacher Jesus Christ to carry out his holy mission, together sharing the good news of your justice and love wherever we are sent. Christ, be our light.**

**C Shine in your church gathered today.**

**R We pray, omnipotent God, for the well-being of creation: We give you thanks for transforming the chaotic waters of creation into the saving waters that nourish and sustain all the earth. Renew us every day by your water and your word. Christ, be our light.**

**C Shine in your church gathered today.**

- R We pray, righteous God, for peace and justice in the world:  
Lead the nations of the world away from the stony wilderness  
of sin, and toward the holy light of love, justice, and peace.  
Christ, be our light.
- C Shine in your church gathered today.**
- R We pray, faithful God, for the renewal of all life: Refresh us  
with your living water and anoint us with your Holy Spirit.  
Embolden us with your promise and your presence. Christ, be  
our light.
- C Shine in your church gathered today.**
- R Receive our thanksgiving, eternal God, for all who have died  
in the faith. May we know the fullness of the new life that you  
prepare for us in your kingdom. Christ, be our light.
- C Shine in your church gathered today.**
- P We pray, compassionate God, for all in need: For those  
who hunger and thirst for peace, for belonging, for love, for  
righteousness, shine your light of justice. For those who  
mourn or suffer in any way, shine your light of comfort.  
Especially today we lift up Helen Knuteson, Lisa Thompson,  
Lucy Wisner, Virginia Steward, Nancy Bartlett, Shelby  
Branzanti, Allison Foss, Heather Chadwick, Val Sandmire,  
Beni Hupf, Karen Bork, Errol Ramsfield and Chris Otis.  
Christ, be our light.
- C Shine in your church gathered today.**
- P All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we  
entrust to your care through Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -



est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

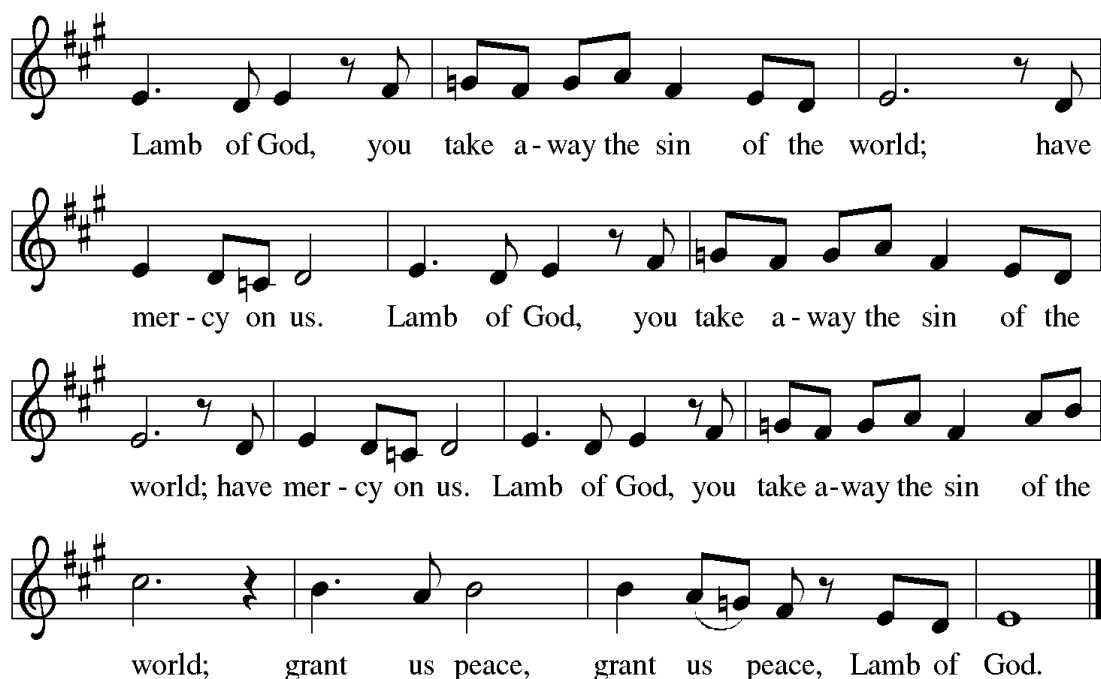
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin, Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup let us pray the prayer our Lord taught us.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C** **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 and ever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

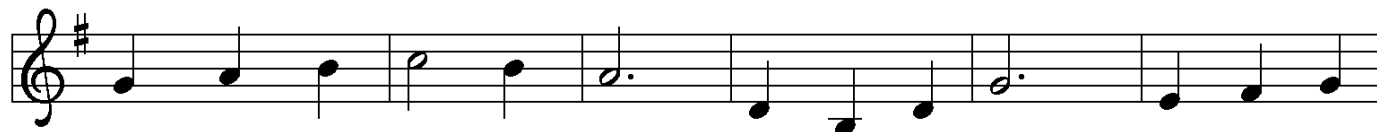


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

# Drawn to the Light



1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the  
 2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one  
 3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the



heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be  
 dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -  
 one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -

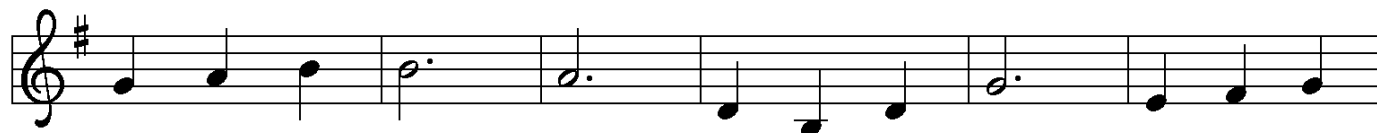


lost, we were drawn to the light of God.  
 pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.  
 gun when we're drawn to the light of God.

## *Refrain*



Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the



light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a



sight to be drawn to the light of God.

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937

Music: LA CROSSE, John C. Ylvisaker

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## Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BREAL BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

*Please stand.*

## COMMUNION PRAYER

**P** We thank you, gracious God, for loving all your family with a mother's care, and feeding us in a way our hearts and souls can understand, with the saving body and blood of Jesus Christ. Renew and enliven us by your presence in this meal, that we may be your presence in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## BLESSING

**P** Our God calls us to do justice. May you find strength in God's grace.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Christ Jesus calls us to love kindness. May you find comfort in Christ's gentleness.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The Holy Spirit calls us to walk humbly with our triune God. May you always find joy in God's love and justice.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Holy Trinity † One God, bless you now and forever. Amen.

**C** **Amen.**



# SENDING SONG

## Abide with Me



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
2 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
3 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.  
Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.  
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!  
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847

Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

*Please be seated.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS / DISMISSAL

P Rejoice and be glad in the light of God's love! Let us go forth in peace to share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

IF YOU ARE VISITING TODAY: Thank you for joining us at Burke for worship and fellowship! Please sign a card in the pew and/or the visitor book in the narthex.

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

We teach that Jesus is truly present in the bread and the wine. All are invited to the table to share God's grace. Grape juice is available in the center of the tray for those who desire it, as well as gluten-free wafers. Please fill out a communion card and place it in the offering plate if you are communing today.

## OUR STAFF

### **Pastor**

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### **Maintenance Engineer**

Dave Wisner

## PRAYERS & CARES

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**A Nursery (Youth Room)** for children under six is located down the hallway near the church offices. Activity bags are in the narthex for children at worship.

**Our Prayer List:** Contact the church office with prayer concerns. Unless otherwise advised, names remain on our list for two weeks.

Helen Knuteson

Lisa Thompson (daughter of Bob & Jeannette Gehrke)

Virginia Steward

Lucy Wisner

Nancy Bartlett

Shelby Branzanti (Barbara Lusk's sister)

Allison Foss

Heather Chadwick

Val Sandmire

Beni Hupf

Karen Bork

Errol Ramsfield (Susie Kittel Moore's brother)

Chris Otis

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Alternate Fill the Altar:** Rather than our usual food donation, please make direct donations to The River or Sunshine Place food pantries.

**Bulletin Announcements:** Bulletin deadline is noon on Wednesdays. Send them to burkelutheran@att.net.

**December Light of Life:** Articles are due now. Send items via email to burkelutheran@att.net.

**Hospitalized?:** Please let the hospital staff know you are a member of Burke Lutheran Church so we are notified.

**Budget News:** Contributions through October 31 for the last three years:

<b>2021</b>	<b>\$121,036</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>\$106,312</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>\$102,809</b>

We appreciate what our members are doing to help Burke pay its \$160,000 annual budget.

## BUTTER BRAIDS

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There's still time to order those yummy braids. Orders must be received by December 1. For online orders, [click here](#). There is also a paper form posted in the Narthex. Checks should be made payable to: Burke Lutheran Church. Delivery will start December 15. Thanks for helping us raise funds for our Youth programs.



# Advent by Candlelight

**Sunday, December 5**

4:00pm Social Hour

5:00pm Potluck

Christmas Caroling

Save the date and join us for this family-friendly event. Please bring a dish to share. Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex if you'd like to decorate a table for this event.

## THIS WEEK AT BURKE

<b>Wednesday, Dec 1</b>	Quilting, 9:00am	Bible Study, 1:00pm Confirmation Class, 7:00pm
<b>Thursday, Dec 2</b>		Zoom Burke Check-In, 1:00pm
<b>Saturday, Dec 4</b>		Decorate Church
<b>Sunday, Dec 5</b>	Worship, 9am Sunday School Pageant Practice Choir Practice after service Coffee Hour, 10:00am	Advent by Candelight, 4pm

## WORSHIP LEADERS

	<b>Nov 28—9am Service</b>	<b>Dec 1—9am Service</b>
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Susie Kittel Moore	Gloria Lundquist
<b>Music Leaders</b>	Dave Wisner Linda Truitt	Hope McFarlin Linda Wendt
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Clara Neubert	Jeannette Gehrke
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Mary TeWinkel	Gloria Lundquist
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Julie Clark	Barb Hennings
<b>Usher Team</b>	David Hanson Karl Patzer	Bob Lenzendorf
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Potluck	
<b>Counters</b>	Sharon Hughes Jan Peterson	Gloria Lundquist Patrice Neubert

## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

<b>November 21, 9:00am</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>
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