

An Order for the Worship of God

December 14, 2025

Ring of the Bells

Welcome & Announcements - Candle Lighting and Prelude

*Please stand, if able

Call to Worship: based on Psalm 146 (Liturgist – **Congregation**)

Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever.

The Lord sets the prisoners free, opens the eyes of the blind, and lifts up those who are bowed down.

The people will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

Let us worship God!

Lighting of the Advent Candle – Allen and Lee Fritz

*Opening Hymn: #116, While by My Sheep, v. 1-3

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

You are a God of bounteous gifts, O Lord, and we bless your name. You bestow mercies without end. Your people stand upright; you give sight to the blind. You have no patience with injustice, and the meek you do not turn away. We open our hearts to your presence, and our doors to the stranger. We gather as your people, brought together by your grace and made one by your love. For we ask this in the name of our beloved Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:
“Our Father ... (debts/debtors)

New Testament Reading: James 5:7-10

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri: #558 (PILGRIM)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:7-11

Liturgist: This is the gospel message of our Lord and Savior

All: May the reading and the hearing of Your word inform our minds, comfort our souls, and guide our feet.

Sermon: The Reminder

*Responsive Hymn: #110, Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Congregational Prayer

L: Lord, in your mercy

C: **Hear our prayer**

Call for the Offering

Let us share God's blessings, as we collect our tithes, gifts, and offerings.

*Doxology #562 (Pilgrim)

Offering Prayer:

We work for you, God, in whatever we do. Paid labor, volunteer work, our home life—all our time we spend for you. Thank you for jobs which provide us with an income; we share the fruit of our labor with you, knowing that you are the Great Provider. Use these offerings in your kingdom work, as you provide good news, healing, and hope to all people. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: #108, The First Nowell, v. 1-3

Benediction

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord in the name of Christ. Amen.

*Extinguishing the Candles
Postlude

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



Worship Leaders

Pastor
Liturgist
Director of Music

Jerry Eisner
Greg Vollan
Sue Laubenheimer

Welcome Visitors! Thank you for joining this congregation for worship this morning. You are welcome and encouraged to participate in all functions of the church including communion and fellowship. Please pick up a *Welcome!* Folder as you exit the church to learn more about the offerings of St Jacobi Congregational Church!
We are happy you are here!

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