

Sanctuary

ROOM FOR ALL

THERE IS NO ROOM AT THE INN

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28
IN THE BEGINNING



LET US KNOW YOU'RE HERE

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PRELUDE

In Quiet Joy

Marcel Dupre
Eileen Miller, Organist

WELCOME

Rev. Heather Grantham, Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Martha Beck

Come, people of God, bring your grief and your longing.

We come, seeking sanctuary in the presence of Christ.

When the world feels unsafe, God provides refuge.

When the powerful deny sanctuary, God makes a way.

Here, we gather as a people of peace, hope, and love.

O Come, O come, Emmanuel, our refuge and our strength.

*HYMN 238

Angels We Have Heard on High (v. 1, 2 & 4)

1 Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song? (*Refrain*)

4 See him in a manger laid,
whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while our hearts in love we raise. (*Refrain*)

*** PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Dr. David Kozisek, Director of Music & Worship

The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Share a sign of peace with your neighbors by greeting them in the way most comfortable for you.

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

Rev. Heather Grantham, Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

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CHILDREN'S HYMN SELECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our God, 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.

SCRIPTURE

John 1: 1, 10-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"In the Beginning..."

*Sharon Fields
Associate Minister of Executive Operations*

CHRISTMASTIDE HYMN SING

Common Christmas hymns can be found on pages 217-255 in the hard bound hymnal or pages 2093-2100 in soft bound hymnal "The Faith We Sing."

COMMISSIONING OF HAM-ERS TRIP TO MEXICO

A team of adult volunteers will be traveling Rio Bravo, Mexico January 3-10. They'll be partnering with Manos Juntas Volunteers in Mission to construct a new addition to their local daycare facility.

Participants:

Gil Young and Tom Perry, co-leaders, Aspen Ireland, David Purcell, Joe Riehle, John Jakel, Kimm Schneider, Monell Jakel, Naomi Larkin, Wes Hurlburt, and Xela Gunvalson

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN 251 Go Tell it on the Mountain

Refrain:

**Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.**

**1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens
there shown a holy light. (Refrain)**

**2 The shepherds feared and trembled,
when lo! above the earth,
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed the Savior's birth. (Refrain)**

**3 Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)**

* SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Good Christians All Rejoice

Wilbur Held

*You are welcome to remain seated or to depart during the postlude.
Please join us after worship downstairs in the community room for coffee and refreshments.*

THIS WEEK AT HAMLIN CHURCH



KIDS TODAY

We invite children to come up to the chancel steps for a special message. After the message, children in Prek-5th grade will return to sit with their families. Childcare is available for ages 5 and under in the Frolic room.

Sacred Studio will return January 11, 2026.

Are children welcome here?

Yes! Children are always welcome in worship. Coloring and reading supplies are available near the Commons doors, and in the narthex. We have a quieter space available to all in the chapel off the narthex.

Where is the nursery?

Children 5 and under are welcome in the nursery, located in Room 8 in the upstairs Sunday school hallway. Our service is streamed in the nursery, if you would like to join your child. Nursing spaces include: the rocking chairs in the sanctuary, the Frolic room 8, or the chapel off the narthex.

SAVE THE DATE: VBS SUMMER 2026

Monday, June 15 - Friday, June 19

Save the date for this summer's Vacation Bible School this June 15 - 19. Check Sign Up Central to register your Prek - 5th Graders

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The office will be mostly closed December 29 - New Year's Day. We will be open on Tuesday, December 30 from 10:00am-2:00pm. Staff may be available by appointment. Contact us at 651.645.0667 or humc@hamlinechurch.org.

SUN	10:00AM	WORSHIP
	11:00AM	COFFEE HOUR Community Room YOUTH UKULELE BAND Room 7
WED	6:00PM	CENTERING PRAYER via text message Contact Julie Dahlke (jlddvm@usfamily.net)
THUR		NEW YEAR'S DAY - OFFICE CLOSED
FRI	7:00PM	TAIZE WORSHIP Sanctuary
SAT	12:00PM	HAMLIN WOMEN'S HOLIDAY LUNCH Stout's Pub ADULT MISSION TRIP TO MANOS JUNTAS Rio Bravo, Mexico
NEXT SUN	8:55AM	CENTERING PRAYER Chapel
	9:00AM	FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP BOOK GROUP Parlor
	9:15AM	CENTERING PRAYER via text message (above)
	10:00AM	EPIPHANY WORSHIP
	11:00AM	COFFEE HOUR Community Room YOUTH UKULELE BAND Room 7
	12:15PM	JOINT RECONCILING & ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEES MEETING Parlor

JOINT RECONCILING COMMITTEE AND ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Next Sunday, January 4 at 12:15pm in the Parlor

The Reconciling Committee and Accessibility Committee will host a joint meeting of members to explore merging efforts and shaping a new agenda for invitation, welcome, and inclusion. Building on the strong work already done in both areas, we'll discuss new goals for welcoming people and creating a more accessible, inclusive community and campus. After church, enjoy coffee hour & invite others who may be interested, and find us in the Parlor at 12:15pm. Bring your ideas, questions, and hopes as we explore new ways of sharing the Good News and welcoming all of God's people. Contact Barb Metzger with questions (123fastmoving@gmail.com).

SMALL BUSINESS SEMINAR, SUPPORT, & MONTHLY SMALL GROUP

Tuesday, January 6, 7:00pm, Hamline Church Community Room and following first Tuesdays of the month
Small business owners are invited to us for a seminar on the current state of small business in Minnesota, led by Peter Quayle, Hamline Church member and owner of TAB St. Paul. All business owners, startup companies to well-established, are welcome! Following the seminar, participants are invited to join a monthly small business cohort that will meet on the first Tuesdays of each month through May. This group will provide ongoing support, education, and meaningful conversation with fellow small business owners. Come learn, connect, and grow together. Contact Peter Quayle or Pastor Heather for more information (peter@tabstpaul.com, hgrantham@hamlinechurch.org).

PRECINCT CAUCUS TRAINING

Sunday, January 11 from 11:30am - 12:15pm in the Parlor and on Zoom

Precinct caucuses will be held across Minnesota on February 3. Join us for a workshop led by political activist and organizer Barb Metzger to learn how to write and present policy resolutions, run for delegate positions, and find your caucus location; sample resolutions will be provided to help you get started. Your voice is most impactful when you participate. All are welcome! Contact Barb Metzger for the Zoom link and with questions (123fastmoving@gmail.com).

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WORSHIP TODAY...

When do I stand?

* Please stand if you are able for titles marked with a star *

When do I speak?

Words in "Bold" print are for everyone.

Where is this hymn?

Hymns with 2 or 3 numbers are in the hard cover UMC hymnal. Hymns with 4 numbers are in the soft-cover *The Faith We Sing* hymnal.

Where is the restroom?

There are restrooms just through the commons at the top of the stairs. There are more restrooms downstairs below the front doors, including an all gender restroom.

A quiet low sensory space is available to all in the chapel off the narthex.



Assistive listening devices are available for use, or you can connect through wifi and use your own hearing aid or headset. Please see a greeter if you need assistance.

WAYS TO GIVE

Your offering helps support the mission and ministry of Hamline Church. There are many ways to make your contribution:

- Place offerings in the baskets after worship.
- Online giving: hamlinechurch.org/give (scan the QR code!)
- Checks can be mailed to the church.
- Text to Give: Text HamlineChurch1514G\$100 to 73256. Give in any increment you choose by entering the amount after the \$.

Thank you for your generosity!

Questions? Please visit hamlinechurch.org/give



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