



# ADVENT 2 | DECEMBER 8, 2024

## WE CAN'T GO ALONE



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#### PRELUDE

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Wilbur Held  
*Eileen Miller, Organist*

#### WELCOME

*Rev. Mariah Furness Tollgaard*

#### \* ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

*Becky Boland, Dan McConnell and Elsa Boland*

In a weary and worn world, how do we begin again?  
Where do we start?

**Let us begin together.**

**Let us begin arm in arm.**

**Let us begin by holding each other up, instead of tearing each other down.**

**Let us begin with words of peace.**

Yes, let us begin with peace.

*(Pause for candle lighting)*

Today we light the candles of hope and peace.

**May these lights remind us of what could be.**

**May these lights mark a new beginning.**

**May peace flow like a river, and may it start with us.**

Arm in arm, hand in hand, side by side.

May we begin again. Amen.

#### \* CEREMONIAL HANGING OF THE GREENS

#### \* HYMN 196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

#### \* PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*Dr. David Kozisek, Director of Music & Worship*

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

*Share the peace with your neighbors by greeting in the way most comfortable for you.*

## TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

Rev. Heather Grantham

We invite children to come up to the chancel steps for a special message. After the baptism, children Pre K-5th grade can join staff and volunteers for Sacred Studio and Christmas Pageant rehearsal. Childcare is available for 5 and under in the Frolic Room.

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Today we baptize Matilda Tait Coughlin, daughter of Sarah Elder Coughlin & Ezra Coughlin.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and include this child now before you in your care?  
**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Matilda with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in trust of God and be found faithful in service to others. We will pray for Matilda, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

## ACT OF BAPTISM

## COMMENDATION

Will you endeavor so to live that Matilda may grow in the knowledge and love of God?  
**With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that this child, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharon Fields, Associate Minister of Executive Operations

## 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.

## ANTHEM

Thou Shalt Know Him

Mark Sirett  
Chancel Choir

Thou shalt know him when he comes,  
Not by drums,  
Nor manners, nor airs,  
Nor by anything he wears.

Thou shalt know him when he comes,  
Not by crown or by gown,  
But his coming known shall be,  
By the holy harmony  
Which is coming makes in thee.

Thou shalt know him when he comes.  
Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Becky Boland

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other, but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken

Luke 1: 39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

The word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## REFLECTION

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## SONG

New Day

Robbie Seay Band  
House Band

## OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \* HYMN 202

People, Look East

### \* SENDING FORTH

## POSTLUDE

Oh, Come Emmanuel

Wilbur Held

*You are welcome to remain seated or to depart during the postlude.  
Please join us after worship for the hanging of the greens!*

*Spoken liturgy adapted from prayers by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org  
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Advent marks both endings and beginnings, symbolizing the close of the calendar year and the start of a new church year, while Christ's birth heralds new ways of living amidst a world in constant motion. This Advent series offers blessings and reminders rooted in fundamental faith truths, guiding us through a sacred new chapter and emphasizing that love is always the foundation for new beginnings.

December 15 | Advent 3 & Children's Pageant  
December 18 | Blue Christmas/Longest Night Service 5:00pm  
December 22 | Advent 4  
December 24 | Christmas Eve Services: 5:00pm & 10:00pm

During the Advent series follow along with a devotional - copies available to take home in the office or email Heather (hgrantham@hamlinechurch.org) to get a digital copy.

## THIS WEEK AT HAMLIN CHURCH

SUN 10:00AM | WORSHIP - 2ND ADVENT

### 11:00AM | HANGING OF THE GREENS

All are welcome to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas after worship. All ages and ability levels are encouraged to participate.

11:00AM | COFFEE HOUR

4:00PM | MUSIC & ARTS: HAMLIN UNIVERSITY  
A CAPPELLA CHOIR WINTER CONCERT

MON POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE!

hamlinechurch.org/poinsettias/  
Email us with questions: humc@hamlinechurch.org

6:00PM | MUSIC FOR THE SOUL

Green Room

WED 12:30PM | CENTERING PRAYER (via text)

Contact Julie Dahlke at jlddvm@usfamily.net

4:00PM - 5:30PM | Handbell Choir Rehearsal

6:00PM - 7:00PM | House Band Rehearsal

7:00PM - 8:30PM | Chancel Choir Rehearsal

SAT 9:00AM - 10:00AM | PAGEANT DRESS REHEARSAL

10:00AM - 11:00AM | PAGEANT PRELUDE REHEARSAL

NEXT 8:55AM | CENTERING PRAYER (chapel)

SUN 9:00AM | FAITH & FELLOWSHIP (parlor)

9:15AM | CENTERING PRAYER (via text)

10:00AM | WORSHIP - CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

11:00AM | COFFEE HOUR & COOKIE WALK

11:30AM | YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY

2:00PM | MEAL SERVICE AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Dorothy Day Opportunity Center

### MEAL SERVICE AT DOROTHY DAY OPPORTUNITY CENTER

Sunday, December 15 2:00pm-5:00pm

Help us support the next dinner prep at Catholic Charities next Sunday. Volunteers are needed to help prep and serve food between 2:00pm-5:00pm. On the job training is provided! This is a great opportunity to directly serve other people in our city.

Please sign up online through Catholic Charities:

bit.ly/HamlineMealService

And email: Camille at camille.chasteen@gmail.com

### BLUE CHRISTMAS: COMFORT ON THE LONGEST NIGHT

Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 5:00pm

All are welcome for a contemplative worship of healing and wholeness for those who mourn, grieve, and seek companionship during the holiday season. A light supper will be served following the service.

### AMAH AND THE NIGHT VISITORS

Saturday, December 21, 2024 at 11:00am & 7:00pm

The story of a magic star, a shepherd boy, and how unselfish love can work miracles. Gian Carlo Menotti's holiday opera of the ages, for all ages is sure to delight and inspire you this holiday season. Directed by Penelope Freeh and David Kozisek featuring the Hamline Church Festival Chorus, soloists, and dancers. \$15 adults, kids are free.



## WELCOME TO HAMLIN

Welcome to Hamline Church! To those who are worshipping here for the first time, or who have returned after an absence, we greet you with joy. Your presence enriches this time of celebration. May all experience God as we worship.



## KIDS TODAY

After the baptism, children Pre K-5th grade can join staff and volunteers for Sacred Studio and Christmas Pageant rehearsal. Childcare is available for 5 and under in the Frolic Room. Please pick your child up in the parlor at the end of worship.

### 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, in the Frolic room (8), or in the chapel off the narthex.

## 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.

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 boxes after worship.
- Online giving: QR code or [hamlinechurch.org/give](https://hamlinechurch.org/give)
- 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!

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