

\*One asterisk means to stand, as you are able.

The nearest restrooms are out the sanctuary side door, through the breezeway, and into the alcove of the Thin Place Gallery.


Assisted listening devices are available from the technician at the Audiovisual booth, which is located at the back of the sanctuary.

Citations for references used during worship are available from the ministers, upon request. The New Revised Standard Version (Updated Edition) of the Bible is used during worship, unless otherwise noted.

Lectionary Year A, Second Sunday of Christmas,  
**January 4: Jeremiah 31-7-14, Psalm 147:12-20, Ephesians 1:3-14, John 1:(1-9) 10-18.**

Lectionary Year A, Epiphany, **January 6: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12.**

Lectionary Year A, Baptism of the Lord Sunday,  
**January 11: Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 29, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-17.**



# Alamance

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Second Sunday of Christmas      January 4, 2026    10 a.m.

# LARGE PRINT

## Welcome and Announcements

Lay Reader today is Maelyn Goodman.

## Centering Music

## Call to Worship

One: From the depths, we cry to the Lord.  
**All: And the Lord hears us.**  
One: When we feel cast out of God’s sight,  
**All: still God’s mercy finds us.**  
One: When our lives feel swallowed by despair,  
**All: God is not finished with us yet.**  
One: The one who delivers from the deep  
is also the one who challenges our narrow minds  
and hardened hearts.  
**All: We come to worship the God who is gracious  
and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding  
in steadfast love.**  
One: Come, let us worship the Lord.

\* **Opening Hymn**    *There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*  
Song sheet

## Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Faithful and persistent God, forgive us when we run and hide from you. You ask us to go to places we would rather avoid, to speak words we fear will cost us, to love people we do not understand and would prefer to keep at a distance. Like Jonah, we flee; not always with our feet, but with our silence, our delay, our excuses about bad timing, or our insistence that someone else is better suited than us. Forgive us, O God. Forgive us for wanting to shape your mission instead of surrendering to it. Turn us around again. Free us from our need to decide who deserves grace. Give us courage not only to go where you send us, but to rejoice when your mercy exceeds our imagining. Amen.

A Word of Forgiveness and Encouragement

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.  
All: And also with you.

We invite everyone to share Christ’s peace with your neighbors, both now and after the service.

\*Sung Response      *Glory to God,*      Song sheet  
                                 *Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

First Scripture Reading      *Jonah 3:1-10*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.  
All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem    *See, Amid the Winter Snow*    - arr. Dan Forrest

Katie Long, soprano; Jacob Dishman, pianoforte

Children’s Message

Children from age 4-5th grade may now go to the Grace Space, at the front of the sanctuary.

Second Scripture Reading      *Jonah 4:1-11*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.  
All: Thanks be to God.

Message      Rev. Jess Rigel

Words of Reflection    “The Bright Field”    - R.S. Thomas

I have seen the sun break through  
to illuminate a small field  
for a while, and gone my way  
and forgotten it. But that was the  
pearl of great price, the one field that had  
treasure in it. I realise now  
that I must give all that I have  
to possess it. Life is not hurrying  
on to a receding future, nor hankering after  
an imagined past. It is the turning  
aside like Moses to the miracle  
of the lit bush, to a brightness  
that seemed as transitory as your youth  
once, but is the eternity that awaits you.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer  
King James Version

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowéd be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Pray with the words that hold the most meaning for you, even if they differ from your neighbor’s.

Call to Offering

Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully donate to the continued life and work of our congregation. You may mail gifts directly to the church, or use our online giving platform, at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-tithing>.

Offertory

\* Doxology      *Praise God,*      Song sheet  
                                 *from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

\* Sending Hymn      *Here I Am, Lord*      Song sheet

Feel free to come forward during the closing song to light a candle, as a public sign of an inward commitment to life in the light of Christ. If your religious tradition includes crossing yourself, feel free to do that here.

\* Charge and Benediction

Closing Music