

REV. THERESIE GLANCY HOUGHTON -  
Professionally trained as an Electrical Engineer at UVA and as a Baptist minister at Baptist Theological Seminary, Theresie loves building community and helping others discover their gifts and callings. First introduced to Kilmarnock Baptist Church in 1981 as fiancé to Mark Houghton, Dr. John Houghton’s oldest son, she is grateful to have this opportunity to share in leading worship. Theresie has served as a program manager for the Navy, as executive director for Stafford Junction, as volunteer coordinator for Bragg Hill Family Life Center and Riverside Center for the Performing Arts, and as volunteer chaplain for Mary Washington Hospital. She currently serves as deacon at Fredericksburg Baptist Church and as volunteer chaplain/worship leader at Chancellors Village Senior Living. Theresie is a breast cancer survivor and currently lives in Spotsylvania with her husband, Mark.

FLOWERS:  
The flowers are given this morning by Donna and Mike Swinney in memory of Donna’s brother who recently passed away.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:  
Bible Study – Wednesdays at 9:30am, all are welcome  
Personnel Meeting – Wednesday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00pm  
Choir Practice – Wednesdays at 6:00pm

POINSETTIAS: You can still order a potted poinsettia for \$17.00 each. Please fill out a form and place it in one of the red boxes in either foyer.

TOYS FOR TOTS: A box for toys is outside of the Pastor’s office—please donate by Wednesday.

CHESAPEAKE CHORALE: The Holly and Ivy Community Sing will be at Historic Christ Church on Monday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:30pm. This joyful and unforgettable experience is FREE.

CELTIC CHRISTMAS MUSIC PROGRAM:  
On Friday, December 12th , at 5:30pm, we will have a special music performance of the Grace Celtic Musicians, with traditional Christmas favorites to delight you. Please come.

THE KBC CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON will be on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> after worship service. Please fill out an RSVP form and place it in one of the gold boxes in either foyer.

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# Kilmarnock Baptist Church

Welcome to Worship!  
Twenty Fifth Sunday After Pentecost  
November 30, 2025  
Order of Worship

Please quiet voices, hearts, and cell phones in preparation for worship.

Preparation:  
"What gives me the most hope every day is God’s grace; knowing that His grace is going to give me the strength for whatever I face, knowing that nothing is a surprise to God."  
- Rick Warren

## Chiming of the Hour

Prelude	We Wait for Messiah	Franklin Ritter
Welcome and Announcements		Bob Gray
Invocation		Bob Gray

Call to Worship*	<i>God Is Near</i>	John Raney	Hymn of Praise * 79	<i>Blessed Be the God of Israel</i>	FOREST GREEN
Advent Responsive Reading	Bob and Camille Grabb		Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 2: 1 - 5 (pg. 550)	Harriet Dawson
Leader: Advent is a time to hear again of God’s redeeming work.			New Testament	Romans 13: 11 - 44 (pg. 923)	Harriet Dawson
<b>People: Give us ears, O Lord, and help us to hear.</b>			Morning Prayer		Theresie Houghton
Leader: Advent is a time to hear again of God’s reconciling love.			Offertory Hymn * 77	<i>Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus</i>	HYFRYDOL
<b>People: Give us ears, O Lord, and help us to hear.</b>			Offertory Prayer		Bob Gray
Leader: Advent is a time to hear again of God’s unmerited grace.			Offertory	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	SLANE
<b>People: Give us ears, O Lord, and help us to hear.</b>			Doxology		
Candle Lighting	Bob and Camille Grabb		Gospel Reading	Matthew 24: 36 - 44 (pg. 806)	Harriet Dawson
Today we light the <b>first candle</b> . The first candle reminds us that, as we wait upon the Lord, we do so with a sense of heightened awareness. In a world where our attention is easily diverted in many directions, Advent is a time to quiet ourselves and listen for God’s word with expectant ears. This Advent, may we hear and receive the message of the One who continues to speak.			Choral Anthem	<i>In Silence We Wait</i>	Lloyd Larson
Advent Prayer	Bob and Camille Grabb		Sermon	<i>“Hope in the Unexpected”</i>	Theresie Houghton
Gracious Lord, thank you for the ways you continue to speak to a world in need. Through both prophets and angels, you declared the message of hope, the way of healing, and the coming of a Savior. As you spoke in the days of old, so we know you continue to speak to us today. As we begin our Advent journey, grant us ears that truly hear and hearts to openly receive. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.			Invitation Hymn *† 82	<i>Emmanuel</i>	McGEE
			Benediction		Theresie Houghton
			Choral Response	<i>A Christmas Blessing</i>	Arr: John Purifoy
			Chimes		
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\* If you are able, please stand.

† If you have decided to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ and/or join the Kilmarnock Baptist Church family, you may signal that by coming forward to meet the minister during the final hymn.