

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

TODAY – Nouvelet Chamber Choir at KUMC (next door) at 2:00pm.
Choir Practice – Tuesday, December 23rd at 6:00pm (different day this week).
Christmas Eve Service – Wednesday, December 24th at 3:00pm.

CALLED BUSINESS MEETING:

On Sunday, December 28, there will be a brief Called Business Meeting after morning worship for the purpose of making one small change to the church 2026 budget. The change will zero out one line item, adding those funds to another line item. This edit will not change the "bottom line" previously approved by the church. The Budget and Finance Committee recommends the change to ensure that the church remains in compliance with all laws and regulations regarding the pastor's salary and benefits.

NOUVELET CHAMBER CHOIR will sing the good news of Christmas for their 14th annual Christmas concert **at Kilmarnock United Methodist Church** (next door) TODAY, Dec. 21, at 2:00 pm. Wayne Hare, Nouvelet's new director and Music Director at KUMC, has put together an exciting program of traditional Christmas music, contemporary pieces, and spirituals. The 16 singers, including our own Lynnie McCrobie, will be accompanied by 6 talented local musicians. Nouvelet's concert is a gift to the community, though the Choir will appreciate a donation to help support their music-related philanthropies. This year Nouvelet is supporting the music program at Lancaster public schools.

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Kilmarnock Baptist Church

Welcome to Worship!
Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025
Order of Worship

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

Preparation:

*God loves you as though you are the only person in the world,
and He loves everyone else the same way He loves you. – David Jeremiah*

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

The First Nowell

William Barnet

Welcome and Announcements

Harriett Dawson

Invocation

Harriett Dawson

Call to Worship*

God Is Near

John Raney

Advent Responsive Reading

Ayla & Olivia Saunders

Leader: During Advent, we remember God's faithfulness shown to us.

People: Help our lives to reflect your ways, O Lord.

Leader: During Advent, we remember God's humility set before us.

People: Help our lives to reflect your ways, O Lord.

Leader: During Advent, we remember God's commands, spoken to us.

People: Help our lives to reflect your ways, O Lord.

Leader: During Advent, we remember God's incredible love shared with us.

People: Help our lives to reflect your ways, O Lord.

Candle Lighting

Ayla & Olivia Saunders

Today we light four candles. **The first candle** reminds us that during Advent we hear again the good news of ultimate hope offered through Jesus Christ. **The second candle** calls us to believe that just as God fulfilled the promise to the Israelites, God's plan continues to unfold in our world today. **The third candle** calls us to accept that with God, nothing is beyond possibility, for we serve a God who can do all things. We light the **fourth candle** as a call to faithful obedience to the ways of God. As we continue our Advent journey, let us hear what God has spoken, believe what God has promised, accept what God has revealed, and obey what God has commanded.

Choral Response

*Listen to the angels, hear the message they bring;
Telling the news of a coming King;
Filling the world with hope and good cheer.
Jesus, Emmanuel, God is near.*

Unison Advent Prayer

Ayla & Olivia Saunders

Gracious Lord, open our eyes to the wonders you have done, open our ears to the promises you have spoken, and open our hearts that we might become the people you have called us to be.. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise * 86

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

Pastoral Prayer

Kevin Crowder

Offertory Prayer

Harriett Dawson

Offertory

Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head

Rick Barham

Doxology

Choral Christmas Worship

Waiting

Pepper Choplin

Breath of Heaven

Arr: Roger Emerson

Joseph's Song

All Is Well

Arr: Ron Huff

Narrator

Harriet Dawson

Mary

Olivia Saunders

Jospeh

Bill Joyner

Shepherds

Creston, Welby, Robyn and Ayla Saunders

Benediction

Kevin Crowder

Choral Benediction

Our Christmas Prayer for You

Arr: John Innes

Chimes



* 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.