

Doxology

Old Hundredth

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God for all that Love has done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen*

Offertory Prayer

Hymn 151

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Spiritual

Commission and Blessing

Choral Benediction The Lord Bless and Keep You Peter Lutkin

Postlude for St. Stephen's Day

Rued Langgaard

Worship Participants

Ushers: Sharon Gendron Petroff and Steven Seay
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PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Sunday, December 14, 2025
Eleven O'clock AM

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Preludes for the High Mass and Advent Rued Langgaard

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Our souls magnify the Lord!

All: Our spirits rejoice in God who saves!

One: The mighty One does great things for us!

All: Holy is God's name!

One: We turn our hearts to God.

**All: For God is our Maker and our Redeemer;
from generation to generation God gives mercy.**

*Greeting One Another

Kindling the Third Advent Light

Pastor Aye Thaw & Rev. Kwee Thay Lar Say, Naval Chaplain
I Will Light Candles this Christmas, Howard Thurman

Hymn Response This Little Light of Mine Spiritual
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*If you feel so moved on hearing this morning's spirituals
whose author, an enslaved person denied his/her identity, remains
unknown to us, feel free to pay it forward by placing a
royalty donation in the beautiful Tzedakah box
that was made by our children at the back of the church.
Monies collected go to Stages of Freedom, to further their work
In building community and advancing racial equality
through arts, education, and swim empowerment for youth.*

Announcements

Responsive Invocation

One: Holy One, You call us to live in this world
as courageous bearers of hope,
standing in the face of all that seems
to contradict your Gospel and demean life.

All: Embolden us; grant us courage.

One: Ads turn Christmas into a product,
elevating prosperity and material possessions.
Help us to demonstrate that the greatest gift of all
is Your presence at the center of our lives.

All: Reorient us; give us thankful hearts.

One: As families gather, tensions can rise.
Save us from false expectations and exclusivity,
from holding onto old hurts and resentments,
and from seeking love instead of giving love.

All: Open us; make us more loving.

One: May our celebration of Christmas be characterized
by our willingness to risk doing it differently,
and our witnessing to a deeper source of hope
than that which can be wrapped in bright paper.

All: Help us to be present to your true gifts. Amen.

~ adapted from Ann Siddall

Scripture Luke 1:46b-55

Anthem Lo, How a Rose/Joy to the World Bruce Neswick
The texts may be found in the Hymnal 163, 146

Prayers of the People

Abba God in heaven, hallowed be your name! May your reign
come; may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven:
give us today the bread of Tomorrow. Forgive us our debts,
as we forgive those indebted to us. Don't put us to the test, but free
us from evil. For yours is the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Children's Message

Carol 150 What Child is This? Greensleeves

Preaching **Reimagine**

Offertory Dost Thou in a Manger Lie⁺ Bruce Neswick