

**Blessing of Safi Husseni**

**Carol Sing**

**Commission and Blessing**

**Postlude** *Laissez paistre vos bestes sur les Grands Jeux*  
Nicolas Gigault

**Worship Participants**

Ushers: Kitungano and Malembe Walenga  
Worship Leader: Joanne Schneider  
Tour Guides: Karen Marshall/Joanne Schneider/Stan Lemons

**Ministry Staff**

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jamie P. Washam  
Minister of Music: Stephen T. Martorella  
Administrative Assistant: Holly B. Edwards  
Bookkeeper: Anne Gagan  
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PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Sunday, December 21, 2025  
Eleven O'clock AM

## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

**Prelude**      *Laissez paistre vos bestes*      Nicolas Gigault  
(Leave your beasts to pasture)

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

One: We sing of God's mercy and grace shown to all generations.

**All: We rejoice in God's steadfast love and faithfulness.  
Emmanuel, God with us, always. Amen.**

**\*Greeting One Another**

**Announcements**

**Kindling the Fourth Advent Light**

*I Will Light Candles this Christmas*, Howard Thurman

Andrew, Betsy, David, Eleanor, Jason, & William Shealy

**Hymn Response**    This Little Light of Mine      Spiritual  
[insert]    Use of arrangement provided by OneLicense A-729758

*If you feel so moved on hearing this morning's spiritual  
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.*

**Responsive Invocation**

One: Generous and gracious God, we look to you  
for compassion and thank you for your presence.

**All: Overwhelmed by our burdens we easily forget  
that you never leave us alone; your love for us never falters.**

One: Gathering together we find assurance and comfort  
that we do not suffer our longest nights alone.

**All: You give us strength to live through this longest night.  
Turn us to reach out to those whose night is also long.  
Grant that we may be your healing presence,  
by bringing your compassion and comfort  
that will assure them that they do not suffer alone. Amen.**

~ adapted from Quentin Chin

**Scripture**      **Isaiah 61:1-4**

**Carol Sing**

**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 Sing**

**Baptism of Olivier Mbabazi**

**Carol Sing**

**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**