

Worship on December 14, 2025
A Service of Lessons and Carols

Welcome to this ecumenical Community Christmas Pageant which has been coordinated with Gina Scumaci and friends from Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church.

Prelude "Still, Still, Still" Austrian Christmas Carol

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on 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 and ever. Amen.

Carol 230 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Call to Generous Giving

Offertory "The Friendly Beasts" by Robert Davis
According to Wikipedia, "this is a traditional Christmas song about the gifts that a donkey, cow, sheep, camel and dove give to Jesus at the Nativity. The song seems to have originated in 12th century France, set to a melody of the Latin song "*Orientis Partibus*."

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, you work miracles! Nothing can hinder your good purposes. Your love shines forth in your living Word in the Bible and in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Help us to be people who show your love in our lives through the words we say and the things we do. Use our gifts to create small miracles of transformation in our community and beyond Fishers Island. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

The Christmas Story

ACT I Luke 2:1-7

Carol 217 "Away in a Manger"

ACT II Luke 2:8-14

Carol 240 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

ACT III Luke 2:15-19

Carol 251 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

ACT IV Matthew 2:1-11

Carol 254 "We Three Kings"

ACT V Matthew 2:12, Luke 2:20 and 40

Carol 246 "Joy to the World!"

Let's ring our bells to celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ!

Benediction

Postlude "Christmas Lullaby" by John Rutter

Church Calendar

Saturday, Dec. 13 **Alcoholics Anonymous** 5:00 p.m.
Connect with the facilitator by emailing info@finyaa.org.

Sunday, Dec. 14 **Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m.
We are happy to host again this year the ecumenical
Community Christmas Pageant with friends from Our Lady of
Grace Catholic Church. Join us for a festive coffee hour.

Monday, Dec. 15 **Church Office Closed, Pastor's Day Off**

Tuesday, Dec. 16 **Alcoholics Anonymous** 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 17 **Advent Study** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Our hybrid group will meet in the Parlor and via Zoom to
discuss "Third Week of Advent: The Mother" (pages 69 – 96).

Tots Time 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Caregivers and toddlers join to talk in this play group. We
have snacks for the little ones and coffee or tea for the adults.

Saturday, Dec. 20 **Alcoholics Anonymous** 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 21 **Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m.
Everyone is welcome to join is to worship God in person or
via live stream and stay for conversation and refreshments.
Cookie Exchange + Christmas Albums 4 - 6 p.m.
Mere Doyen will lead this fun event for all ages. Bring a dozen
cookies or more (homemade or store bought) to exchange.
Mere will bring a selection of Christmas albums, and we will
vote on one to listen to together. We will have popcorn for
everyone.

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