

*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

# WELCOME

## BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Leader: In the beginning was the Word

## People: and the Word was with God

Leader: The light shines in the darkness

**People: and the darkness did not overtake it.**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, we pray the Lord's Prayer each week, even daily, but we do not always walk the walk. We pray that your kingdom will come and your will be done, but we are reluctant to do the work of justice and mercy that characterize your kingdom. We ask for our daily bread and then hoard as much as we can. We ask you to forgive us as we have forgiven others, but we are quick to anger and slow to forgive. Loving God, have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Help us to seek your will for our lives and walk in the way of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Leader: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**People:** And also with you.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**SOLO**      “I Wonder as I Wander”      Mary McNair

## RESPONSE

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**  
*(From the Confession of 1967)*

**In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. We confess that Jesus Christ is God with**

## PRAVERS OF THE PEOPLE

## 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. Amen.**

## OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Offertory      “What Child Is This?”*

*What can I give Him, poor as I am?*

*If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;*

*If I were a wiseman I would do my part;*

*Yet what can I give Him?*

*Give Him my Heart.*

## PRAYER AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*\*please stand as you are able*

## SENDING

\*HYMN #125 “Joy to the World!”

\*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*CHARGE

Leader: Good people of Swift Church, who are you?

**People: Striving to bring God joy, we proclaim  
Christ’s love and grace through serving and  
nurturing body, mind and soul.**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “O Holy Night”

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## THIS WEEK AT SWIFT

**Sunday, July 27**

Sunday School, 9:00am

Worship in the Sanctuary, 10:00am

**Wednesday, July 30**

Prayer Group, 9:00am

Food Pantry, 10:00–11:00am

## “The Miracle of Christmas”

Steven Curtis Chapman

*A child is born tonight in Bethlehem,  
His mother holds him close and sings a sweet lullaby.  
All the world lay sleeping unaware,  
That God himself has come in the night.*

*The shepherds tremble as the angels sing,  
And in their song the voice of God  
speaks peace to the world.  
A miracle has happened, God has come  
and God has spoken.  
But the miracle has only just begun.*

*And the God who spoke is speaking still,  
And the God who came still comes.  
And the miracle that happened  
Still happens in the hearts that will believe  
And receive, the miracle of Christmas.*

*So come to Bethlehem again and see,  
The one who’s come to rescue us,  
Our Savior and King.  
Bring your past, the joy, the sorrow, all your  
hopes to find tomorrow.  
And hear the words again, fear not,  
And know that God is near.*



Please join us in the  
fellowship hall as we  
celebrate Christmas in July  
with holiday treats!

# Welcome to Swift Church

July 27, 2025



We proclaim Christ’s love and grace  
through serving and nurturing  
body, mind, and soul.

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