



# THE CANTICLES OF CHRISTMAS

ADVENT

THE  
MOODY  
CHURCH

November 30, 2025

# WELCOME

Thanks so much for worshiping with us today!

We believe that Jesus is inviting you on *The Journey of a Lifetime*.

We're here to help you take the next step on your journey with Jesus. If you have questions, stop by the Connection Center after the service or send us an email to [info@moodychurch.org](mailto:info@moodychurch.org).



## PASTOR TO PEOPLE *Philip Miller, Senior Pastor*

During Advent this year, we will be working our way through a series titled: **The Canticles of Christmas**. Canticle comes from the Latin *canticulum*, meaning “little song.” During the Christmas story, there are three human characters who burst out in song in response to what God is doing in sending His Son into the world to bring redemption and hope.

When Mary realizes she's carrying the Son of the Most High, she sings a little song we refer to as *The Magnificat* (Luke 1:46–55). When Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, sees God's faithfulness, he bursts out in what is known as *The Benedictus* (Luke 1:68–79). And when Simeon beholds the newborn Jesus in the temple and realizes the Messiah has come at

long last, he sings what is called *The Nunc Dimittis* (Luke 2:29–32). These little songs contain big theology and stir our hearts to sing out in praise.

There's a lot of hustle and bustle during the Christmas season. My prayer is that we'll pause and let the wonder in. May these canticles of Christmas remind us of the beauty and majesty of God's redemption that came to us in a manger. The hope of the world was swaddled in cloths. The Savior came in infant glory. Let's join with Mary, Zechariah, and Simeon and sing again the wonders of the incarnate One.

For we are loved, more than we know!

# THE JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME

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**KNOW GOD** THROUGH WORSHIP

**FEED YOUR SOUL** THROUGH COMMUNITY

**GROW IN LOVE** THROUGH SERVICE

**CHANGE YOUR WORLD** THROUGH MISSION

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**Digital:** App or [moodychurch.org/give](https://moodychurch.org/give) | **In-Person:** Offering boxes at the exits

**Text:** \$Amount to 312.262.3997

# ORDER OF SERVICE

**Welcome & Child Dedication** | Pastor Philip Miller

Thomas Samuel Karpeles, *son of Brandon and Klaudia Karpeles, born January 27, 2025*

Inioluwa Adeboye Obebe, *son of Adeboye and Naomi Obebe, born September 15, 2021*

Teniayo Oluwafemi Obebe, *son of Adeboye and Naomi Obebe, born March 22, 2025*

Esther Grace Vargas, *daughter of Luis A. and Sindy P. Vargas, born July 26, 2025*

**Advent Reading** | Candle of Hope

**Music** | Pastor Tim Stafford

**Pastoral Prayer** | Pastor Philip Miller

**Message & Benediction** | Pastor Philip Miller

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For song titles and more details, visit [moodychurch.org/live-stream](https://moodychurch.org/live-stream).

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## SERMON NOTES

### MARY'S MAGNIFICAT

Luke 1:46-55

Pastor Philip Miller

#### God's Delight

- Our God honors the humble.

#### God's Strength

- Our God fights for the feeble.

#### God's Justice

- Our God reckons the wreckage.

#### God's Faithfulness

- Our God keeps His covenants.

**Takeaway:** God is glorified as we delight ourselves in Him.

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Watch this sermon again at [moodychurch.org/sermons](https://moodychurch.org/sermons).

Need prayer? Visit [moodychurch.org/prayer](https://moodychurch.org/prayer) to submit a request, receive in-person prayer with our Prayer Team after the service, or call 312.319.1570.





# 54th Annual Christmas Concert

**O**ur 54th Annual Christmas Concert is coming up on December 13!

Each year, our Music Ministry fills the Sanctuary with beautiful music at the Christmas concert—the highlight of the season! This year, join us at either the 2:30 or 6:00pm concert times.

RSVP today through the link or scan the QR code: [moodychurch.org/christmas](https://moodychurch.org/christmas)



Thousands from our community join us to celebrate the birth of Jesus and hear the Gospel. To help welcome the many first-time visitors who will be with us, we're also looking for volunteers to serve. Opportunities include greeting, ushering, and clean-up.

It's a wonderful way to share Christ's love and help make this special event meaningful for everyone who comes through our doors.

To sign up to serve, please fill out a Connect Card: [moodychurch.org/connect](https://moodychurch.org/connect)

# GIVING UPDATE

Church General Fund		September	Fiscal Year
	Income	\$ 425,656	\$ 1,017,879
	Expense	566,614	1,181,593
	Net	<u>-\$ 140,958</u>	<u>-\$ 163,714</u>

The General Fund supports the church’s day-to-day operations, including ongoing ministries, support for active and retired missionaries, and our local and global outreach initiatives. The church’s fiscal year began September 1, 2025

**Fellowship Fund:** This fund assists our church family with emergency housing, food, clothing, and medical needs. If you or someone you know needs assistance, please **contact Pastor Larry McCarthy at [larry.mccarthy@moodychurch.org](mailto:larry.mccarthy@moodychurch.org)** in the church office. You can also donate by simply designating “Fellowship Fund” on your offering.

**Estate Planning:** If you have questions about estate planning, giving, or stewardship, we invite you to email Pastor Bill Van Tuinen at **[bill.vantuinen@moodychurch.org](mailto:bill.vantuinen@moodychurch.org)**.

**Info:** [moodychurch.org/give](https://moodychurch.org/give)



During this Thanksgiving season, we’re inviting our church family to take part in a special offering to bless our ministry partners above and beyond our regular giving.

Our goal this year is to raise **\$250,000** to change our world through mission.

We want to obey Jesus’ command to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth by supporting 14 key ministry partners serving on the frontlines of Gospel proclamation. Your gift will provide critical resources for more than 1,000 pastors,

teachers, and church-planters who are seeing people come to Christ every day.

God has richly provided for us, and now we have the privilege of investing in His work around the world.

Will you join us?

Visit **[moodychurch.org/thanksgiving-offering](https://moodychurch.org/thanksgiving-offering)** for more information.



## TODAY AT A GLANCE

### 8:30AM COMMUNITIES

Fourth Watch: Room 103

Light & Life: Room 304

Next Chapter: Room 307

Sisters in Christ: Room 303

### 9:45AM

TMC Kids (Nursery to Pre-K): 2nd floor

### 10:00AM

Sunday Morning Service: Sanctuary

ASL Translation: Facebook

Transmisión en Español: Facebook (online)

Traducción en Español: WaveCast (live)

### 10:30AM

TMC Kids (Kindergarten–2nd Grade):

2nd Floor

### 11:15AM

Connection Center: Main Lobby

Prayer Partners: Front of the sanctuary

### 11:30AM COMMUNITIES

Apply the Message: Room 304

Fusion: Room 103

International Friends: Room 112D

Moody en Español: Kappeler Hall

Veritas: Sankey Hall

### 1:00PM

Prayer for the City of Chicago: Room 304

Communicators Collective: Room 308

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### MONDAY

Women's Prayer Meeting: 7:00am, Zoom

### TUESDAY

Women's Prayer Meeting: 7:00am, Zoom

Veritas Rooted Study: 6:00pm, Room 107

### WEDNESDAY

Women's Prayer Meeting: 7:00am, Zoom

AWANA (registration required): 6:30pm,  
Second Floor

Parenting Class: 6:30pm, Room 108

Youth Group: 6:30pm, Rooms 308/309

Adult Choir: 6:45pm, Choir Room

Prayer Meeting: 6:45pm, Room 103

Beth Sar Shalom Bible Study: 7:00pm, Zoom

Reunion de Oracion: 7:00pm, Zoom

### THURSDAY

Women's Prayer Meeting: 7:00am, Zoom

Int'l Friends Bible Study: 7:00pm, Zoom

### FRIDAY

Women's Prayer Meeting: 7:00am, Zoom

Cafecito con Dios: 10:00am, Zoom

### SATURDAY

Men's Prayer and Praise: 7:30am, Room 103

Links to Ministries and Communities at

[moodychurch.org/calendar](http://moodychurch.org/calendar)

# MEMBERSHIP CANDIDATES

Noemie Bacigalupi

Benjamin Johnson

Timothy Caleb McMann

Eliot Merriner

Anthony Nasharr

Maria Nasharr

Agathe Sinclair

Jorge Daniel Sinclair

Kathryn Tolleson

*The publishing of these names will verify the approval of the church body if no notice to the contrary is received via any of the Pastoral Staff as soon as possible.*



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