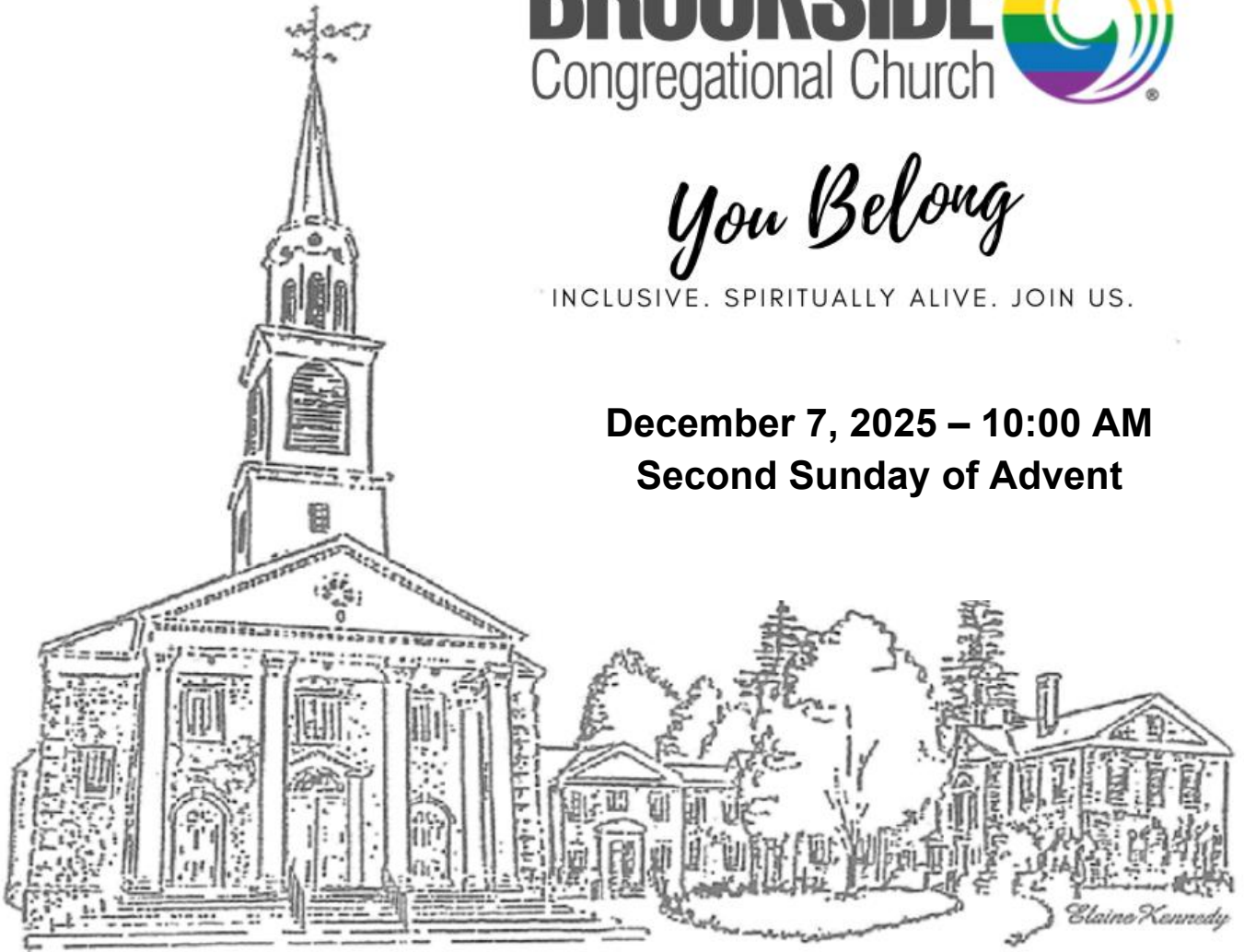




*You Belong*

INCLUSIVE. SPIRITUALLY ALIVE. JOIN US.

**December 7, 2025 – 10:00 AM**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**



Rev. Laura Biddle, Minister  
Michelle Jaques, Music Leader  
Heather Bridges, Choir Leader  
Christina Alvarez and Amber Nicole Cannon, Youth Troupe  
Louise Popp, Church Administrator

*An Open and Affirming Congregation*  
2013 Elm Street, Manchester, NH 03104-2528  
Tel. (603) 669-2807 ~ Fax (603) 668-9041  
admin@brookside.org ~ www.brooksidecc.org

\*Please Stand

## GREETING

The **flowers** today are given in memory of our mothers, Betty Connors and Zona Bryce by Tim and Marcia Connors.

## PRELUDE

*Joseph's Lullaby*

## OPENING PRAYER

God of Wisdom and Goodness, Bless our Advent Season and our Wreath. May each candle inspire us to appreciate You and one another. The journey to Christmas is full of Mystery, Miracles, and Wonder. Help us embrace the time we spend in worship throughout this Advent season, preparing ourselves for the birth of Your son Jesus Christ. Guide our hearts and hands as we pray for courage to restore hope, peace, joy, and love in all corners of the earth. AMEN

## SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

The Bridges Family

Jesus comes into the world once again as a child, the prince of peace, and the healer of suffering. His light shines so brightly, that shepherds and angels gather to greet him. Born in a stable where all God's creatures eat together as One. The wolf and lamb feed together. The lion eats straw with the ox. None shall hurt or destroy each other, in God's Holy sanctuary. Come Light of Peace Everlasting!

## \*HYMN

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

P 110

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-45

Ed Mitchell

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon

you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

SERMON	Waiting for Peace	Rev. Laura Biddle
ANTHEM	<i>Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming</i>	Brookside Choir

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

**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.**

### **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Please form a circle.

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORDS PRAYER

*HYMN	<i>I’ve Got Peace Like a River</i>
-------	------------------------------------

N 478

BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

## *Come Thou Almighty King*

Deacon of the Week: Ed Mitchell

Reader: Ed Mitchell

Spirit Squad: Schneider Family

Sound Technician: Peter VanAmburg

Technology: Dale Trombley



*Please Remember in Prayer*



Cliff and Martha Church  
Susie Collins  
The Drewry Family  
Judy Foley  
Julia

Jean Peterson  
Anne Lachance  
Diane Mavrogeorge  
Anna O'Donnell  
Tim Smith

Brookside's sponsor children: Eben Gulo and Ryan Pierre  
~ Sakubva Church, UCC – the center candle celebrates our  
Ukama Partnership since 1996 ~

\*\*\*\*\*



Scan the code to  
donate to  
Brookside Church.

---

Envelopes for special Mission donations can be found at the church entrances.

---

---

## Advent Bible Study

Join Rev. Laura for an Advent Bible Study on **December 4, 11, 18 at 6:00pm** on Zoom. We will be focusing on Mary, the mother of Jesus in all 3 studies. Please contact the office if you would like to participate.  
(admin@brooksidecc.org).

---

## January Book Group - "The Great Believers"

On **Thursday, January 29 at 6:00 pm**, the "Brookside Bookers" will be discussing the book "The Great Believers" by Rebecca Makkai. Join us for a fascinating discussion led by Rev. Laura. To register, please send your name and email to the office. The Zoom link will be sent to registered participants during the week of the book group.

---

## New to Brookside

Rev. Laura would like to meet with people who are new to Brookside On **Sunday, January 4** in the Manning House Dining Room. The Joining Ceremony will be held on **Sunday, January 11** for all people interested in becoming members of Brookside

---



*You're Invited*

# CHRISTMAS AT THE MANNING HOUSE

Saturday, December 13, 1 - 8 p.m.  
The Manning House | 2013 Elm St., Manchester

Enter through the large wooden doors of the Manning House and be transported back to 1925. The smell of fresh pine and gingerbread greets you as Mary Manning welcomes you in to enjoy a holiday celebration in her landmark home. Calvin Coolidge is president. The Jazz Age and the Art Deco movement are in full swing, and the Great Gatsby was just published. Find out what Christmas in Manchester was like a century ago.

Presented by:  
**Brookside Church**

Living History Interpreters by:  
**Manchester Historic Association**

Holiday Styling by:  
**Dew Collective**

45 minute tours on the hour  
Festive refreshments following  
Scan the code to purchase timed entry tickets



# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

110

Latin: c. 9th century

Tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, Sts. 1, 2, alt.

Tr. Henry S. Coffin, 1877-1954, Sts. 3, 4

VENI EMMANUEL 8.8.8.8.8.8.

Adapted from Plainsong

Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890

*In unison*

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran-som cap-tive  
 2 O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer Our spir-its by thine  
 3 O come, thou Wis-dom from on high, And or-der all things,  
 4 O come, De-sire of na-tions, bind All peo-ples in one

Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, Un -  
 ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom-y clouds of night, And  
 far and nigh; To us the path of knowl - edge show, And  
 heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife and quar - rels cease; Fill

REFRAIN

til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 death's dark shad-ows put to flight. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -  
 cause us in her ways to go.  
 the whole world with heav - en's peace.

man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el! A-men.

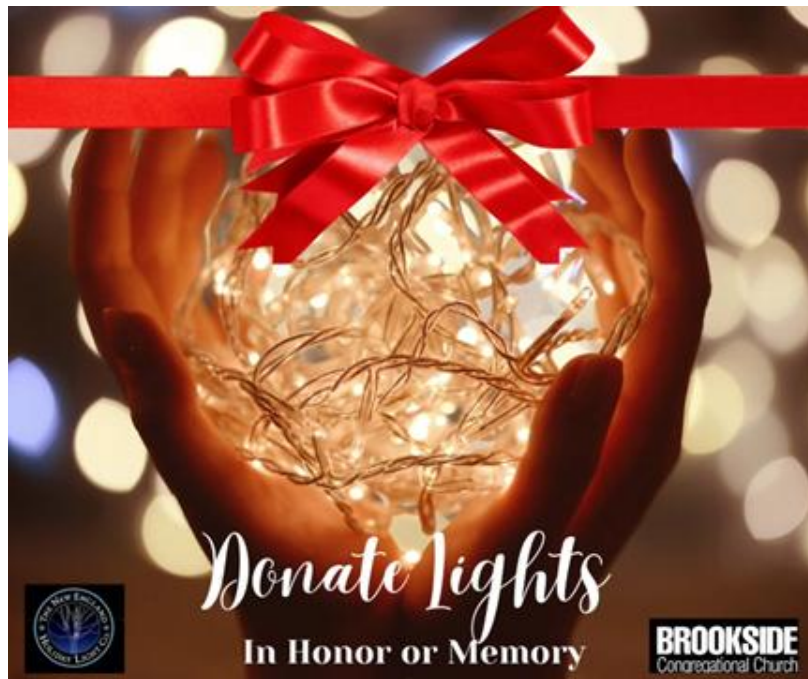


*Isa. 66:12; 1 Pet. 1:8-9; 1 John 4:7-12**African-American spiritual*

1 I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a  
 2 I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a  
 3 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an  
 4 I've got faith like an an - chor, I've got faith like an

1  
 riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er, in my  
 foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain, in my  
 o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean, in my  
 an - chor, I've got faith like an an - chor, in my

2  
 soul. I've got riv - er in my soul.  
 soul. I've got foun-tain in my soul.  
 soul. I've got o - cean in my soul.  
 soul. I've got an - chor in my soul.



### **Brookside Holiday Lights**

Brookside will again present its popular community light display during the month of December on the grounds of the church and everyone is welcome and invited to participate! Partnering again with The New England Holiday Light Company, Brookside Church invites everyone to contribute to the community holiday light display by donating lights in honor of loved ones. You can donate a strand or strands of lights or a Christmas Star in honor or memory of loved ones, those we've lost, those we pray for, or those we adore.

A single strand or strands of lights (with one name per strand) can be donated for \$25 each. Or, you can donate a Christmas Star for an entire family or a group of four or more names for \$100. The names of those honored or remembered will be a part of the display on the grounds of the church. Names will also be on our website throughout the month of December and gift acknowledgment cards are available and make great holiday gifts.

Donate lights in honor or memory scan the QR code below or if you prefer to pay with a check, please pick up a card in the Narthex and mail or drop it off at the church office with your payment. Please be sure to include the name of your loved one(s).

