

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
DECEMBER 7, 2025

*Call to Worship

*Hymn #249 - I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

*Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

Advent Candle (Peace) - The White Family

Anthem - Come to the Water

Children through 4th grade are dismissed to JAM classes.

*Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading - Acts 5:17-32

Sermon - God Helps with Hard Things

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

*Doxology

*Hymn #218 - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*Affirmation of Faith - Nicene Creed

The Lord's Supper

- Sursum Corda
- Prayer & The Lord's Prayer
- Words of Institution
- Intinction
- Closing Prayer

*Hymn #119 - There Is a Higher Throne

*Benediction

**Please stand if you are able.*

ACTS 5:17-32

¹⁷ But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸ they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰ "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." ²¹ And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

²² But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, ²³ "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." ²⁴ Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. ²⁵ And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." ²⁶ Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

²⁷ And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men." ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

2025 Ministry Giving

\$2,286,308 Actual YTD, \$1,762,361 Budget YTD (+\$523,947)

114% to 2025 Budget of \$2,014,361

WHAT'S GOING ON AT NAPC?

- Youth Nights for 5th-12th grades - December 7, 14, 21 @ 5:00-7:00 pm (On 12/21 the 5-6th graders will be at the home of Gaston & Courtney White @ 7160 Ashcroft Dr, Blacklick, OH 43004)
- Christmas in Linden: Gift Bags - Fill up a tote and return December 7-21.
- Christmas in Linden: Free Store Donations - drop off all donations to Como Elementary by December 10th. **Please do not bring donations to the church.**
- Sweet Fellowship: A Cookie & Gingerbread Workshop - December 13 @ 9:00-11:00 am. Please RSVP on our website.
- FAQ: Communion - December 14 @ 5:00-7:00 pm
- TwentyEight:19 (Linden) Open House - December 16 @ 6:00-8:00 pm
- Christmas Eve Services - December 24 @ 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 pm
- One Service - December 28 @ 10:00 am