

HOPE

MY WHOLE BEING HOPES,
AND I WAIT FOR GOD'S PROMISE.



PSALM 130:5 (CEB)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HADDON HEIGHTS

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 30, 2025

1st Sunday of Advent

*Large-print bulletins are available at both entrances to the sanctuary.
Activity bags & bulletins for kids are available in the narthex.*

***Indicates those who are able may stand.**



**TODAY'S
HYMNAL**

All hymns today are in the **PURPLE Hymnal, *Glory to God***, unless otherwise noted.



*The Chancel flowers today are given by Bruce & Joanne Erwin,
in loving memory of their parents,
Jack & Ella Erwin, and Rod & Dorothy Dodds.*



Welcome & Announcements

Joys & Concerns

Prelude

Mike Rugge, Organist

We Come Into God's Presence

Call to Worship (L—Leader / P—People)

L: Come, for Hope is drawing near.

P: We wait for Christ.

L: Come, for Peace is not far off.

P: We wait for Christ.

L: Come, for your Joy will be fulfilled.

P: We wait for Christ.

L: Come, for Love is coming down.

P: We wait for the Christ child.

***Gathering Hymn: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"**

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30AM**

**28 Seventh Avenue, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035
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Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko, Pastor

Dr. Chris Thomas, Director of Music  Mike Rugge, Organist



The First Dream: Dreams

Explanation of Service

Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko

Scripture: Joel 2:28-29

(OT, p.848)

Reflection: Dream for Dreams

Lighting the First Advent Candle

The Morgan Family

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of mercy and forgiveness, although your light is near, we choose to linger in darkness. Like our fore-bearers before us, we have hurt and injured others, intentionally and unintentionally. We lift before you our sins and misgivings. Forgive us, Lord. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

L: Brothers and Sisters, the reign of God has come near.

P: For Christ is the light shining in the darkness.

L: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri

#807 (Red Hymnal)

***Affirmation of Faith:**

John 1

P: We believe that in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the word was God.

L: He was in the beginning with God.

P: All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.

L: What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

P: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

The Second Dream: Emmanuel

Scripture: Isaiah 7:10-16

Reader: Ruth Gallagher (OT, p.636)

Reflection: Dream for Emmanuel

*Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

#133 (vv. 1-4, Red Hymnal)

Time with Our Children

The Third Dream: Peace

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2,6-7

Reader: Jack Powers (OT, p.638)

Reflection: Dream for Prince of Peace

Chancel Choir Anthem: "Will We Know Him?"

by Besig & Price

Dr. Chris Thomas, Director of Music

The Fourth Dream: Future

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-6

Reader: Laura Masi (OT, pp.640-641)

Reflection: Dream for Prince of Peace

*Hymn: "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

#100 (v.1)

The Fifth Dream: A Home

Scripture: Micah 5:2-5a

Reader: Eliza Jaremko (OT, p.865)

Reflection: Dream for Bethlehem

*Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

#121 (v.1)

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*Doxology: "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

#151 (refrain only)

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers 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.

We Go to Live God's Word

*Closing Hymn: "Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates"

#93

Benediction (unison)

**May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent
one from the other.**

Choral Response

L: Our worship together has ended.

P: Now our service begins.

Postlude



PRAYER CONCERNS



*Please keep these people in
your prayers this week:*

The family and friends of Bonnie Scribner, Wayne Scribner's wife.

- Adin Borden
- Sally Burrough
- Nancy & Bob Celebre
- Donna & John Duca
- Joe & Marie Guerra
- Sandy Langford
- Evelyn Miraglia
- Carmen Muni
- Shirley Renshaw
- Dottie Rheinbold
- Michael Sabolcik
- Ken Sichel
- Lynn & Tom Spina
- Ed Trout
- Nancy Wilk
- Deborah Blackiston
- Lauren DeCorte, Sue Hawco's daughter
- Marlowe Muni, Kim & Carmen's grandson
- Steve, friend of Tony Logandro
- The Berkelbach family, Karen Mazak's daughter & son-in-law
- Meegan Hussain, friend of the Heusers
- Carol & Dick Boyle, sister & brother-in-law of Candace Lowden
- Rev. Daniel Park, friend of the Heusers
- Will Baberick, Polly Mitchell's son

pray without ceasing
1 Thessalonians 5:17



THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

Sunday, Nov. 30

9:00am - Calvins Rehearsal

9:30am - Sunday School for ALL Ages

10:10am - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

10:30am - Worship in Sanctuary & on FB

11:30am - New Members Class,
in Pastor Eliza's Study

Wednesday, Dec. 3

9:00am - Men's Breakfast, Parlor

Thursday, Dec. 4

6:45pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal



Greeters

Molly
Callahan

Deacons

Ro Hudson
Suzanne Lange
Daniel Mullan

LiveStream

Korey Owens
Erin Gallagher

Counters

Tony Masi
Leslie Clark
Carmen Muni

Nursery

Kam Evans
Maria Masi

SS: Adults

Class-led
Room 2

Faith-Walk Class

Pastor Eliza
Nursery

SS: PreK-2nd

Kim Tran
Room 3

SS: Grades 3-5

TBD
Room 7

SS: Grades 6-8

Rick Clark
Room 6

Scripture Verses for Today's Service

First Scripture: Joel 2:28-29 (NRSV)

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.
²⁹ Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days I will pour out my spirit.

Second Scripture: Isaiah 7:10-16 (NRSV)

¹⁰ Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ “Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹² But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.” ¹³ Then Isaiah said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Third Scripture: Isaiah 9:2,6-7 (NRSV)

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

⁶ For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders,
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷ Great will be his authority,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Fourth Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-6 (NRSV)

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see
or decide by what his ears hear,

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed together,
and a little child shall lead them.

Fifth Scripture: Micah 5:2-5a (NRSV)

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth,

⁵and he shall be the one of peace.
If the Assyrians come into our land
and tread upon our soil,

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.



Is-rael's strength and con-so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



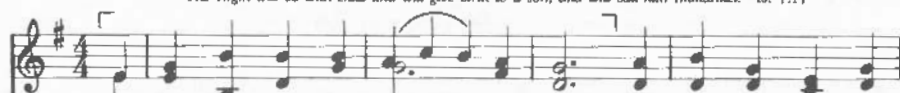
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf-fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo-rious throne.



With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel 133

The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. Is. 7:14



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's
3. O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spir - its by thine
4. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our
5. 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 -
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save and
 ad - vent here; and drive a - way the shades of night, and
 heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and
 heart and mind; bid en - vy, strife and quar - rels cease; fill



Refrain



til the Son of God ap - pear.
 give them vic - tory o'er the grave.
 pierce the clouds and bring us light! Re - joice! re - joice! Em -
 close the path to mis - er - y.
 all the world with heav - en's peace.



man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!



100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

121 O Little Town of Bethlehem



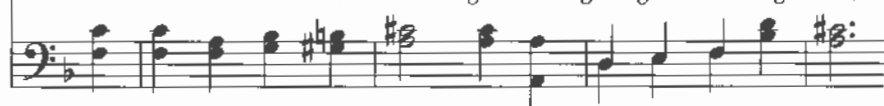
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y and, gath - ered all a - bove,
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by,
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;



the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us; a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!



Though he was famed during his lifetime as a great preacher, no sermon Phillips Brooks ever preached has been heard or read by as many people as have sung this carol he wrote in December 1868 for the Sunday School children of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Philadelphia.

151 We Three Kings of Orient Are

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice:

field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 prayer and prais - ing glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! sounds through the earth and skies.

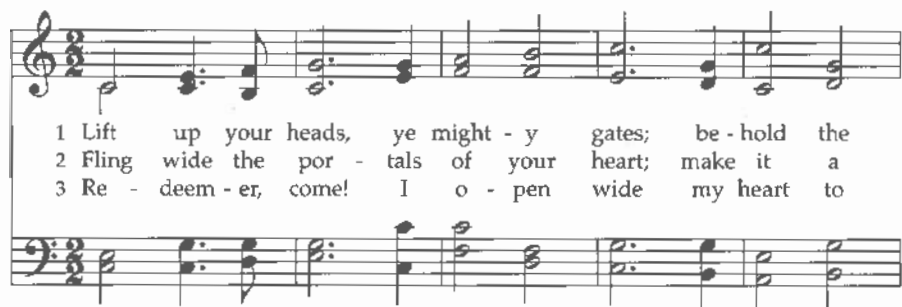
Refrain

O star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Although Christians had begun by the 2nd century to speak of these visitors from eastern countries (Matthew 2:1-12) as "kings," perhaps because of passages like Psalm 72:10 and Isaiah 60:3, it is more accurate to think of them as magi or astrologers, the scholars of their day.

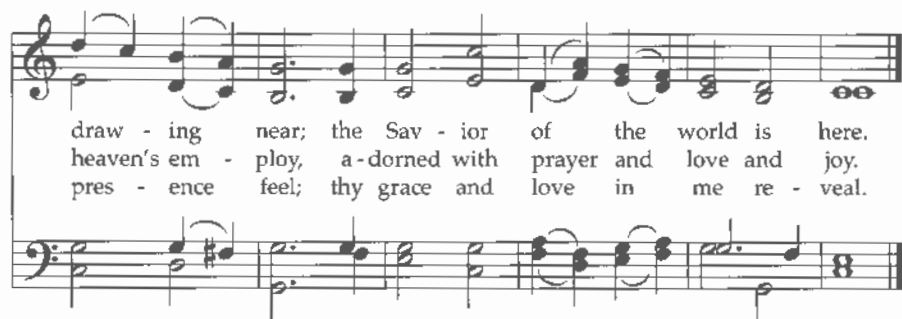
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to



King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner



draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

Beginning as a paraphrase of Psalm 24:7–10, this text then applies the door imagery to the singer's heart, and concludes with the individual's welcome of the approaching Savior. It is set to a very effective anonymous 18th-century English tune that has served many texts.

Church Announcements



Christmas Wishes for Our Homebound Congregants

The Care Committee has labeled Christmas cards (available in the pews) which can be mailed to our members & friends that are not able to worship in person with us. We encourage you to take one (or many!) to wish those who are homebound a Merry Christmas and to remind them of how much they're missed.



Help Us Give Mission Teens a Special Christmas

You can help make Mission Teens' Christmas very special by donating good condition gift items for the residents and staff to give to their loved ones. These can be for men, women, and children of any age. Please give them to Pat Masi, place them in Room 2, or drop them off at Pat's home. **THE DEADLINE IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 1**, so they'll have time to distribute the gifts. You can also financially bless the MT staff who work long hours loving and disciplining those in the program, all without a paycheck. They do this to give back what they themselves have freely received – a new life in Christ! Checks can be made out to *Mission Teens Inc.* (P.O. Box 131, Glendora, NJ 08029); or given to Pat by Christmas Eve. You are very much appreciated for many years of sharing your blessings with Mission Teens!



Men's Breakfast Next Wednesday

The men of FPC will be gathering next Wednesday, **December 3**, at 9:00 AM in our parlor. Join them to share in camaraderie, a hearty breakfast, and a lively discussion on a thought-provoking topic or question. Be sure to let Rick Clark know if you're coming for their head count. Hope to see you there!



Spectacular Advent Workshop!

Our Spectacular Advent Workshop (aka *Advent Happening*) is **NEXT Sunday, December 7**, immediately following the worship service. A festive lunch in the social hall will kick things off, followed by our kids visiting different stations upstairs while interested adults can join in singing carols with our talented musicians in the sanctuary. **Make sure to sign up on the poster in the parlor**, and include what you plan to bring (*optional*)— or contact the church office to let us know you're coming. You don't want to miss it!



**SPECTACULAR
ADVENT
WORKSHOP!**

Advent Devotionals Available

This year's devotional, provided by Presbyterian Outlook, offers an invitation for each day of Advent to draw near — to Scripture, to stillness, and to the heart of God. Following the traditional Advent themes, you'll light the way week by week with hope, peace, joy and love, preparing not just for Christmas, but for Christ's presence among us. The devotional is enriched by artwork from children — tender, honest interpretations of sacred texts that remind us what it means to receive the kingdom like a child. Printed copies are available in the narthex, and a digital copy is linked your weekly e-News for you to download or use online.



Christmas Poinsettia Orders

Don't forget! Only one more week to submit your Poinsettia orders, which are **due next SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7**. Fill out an order form (available in the narthex) and return it to the office with your optional (\$5) payment; write "Poinsettias" on your check or envelope.



Can You Help Our Hat & Mitten Tree Grow?

The Mission Committee's *famous* hat & mitten tree will be in the parlor during the month of December. Please bring new or slightly used hats, mittens, gloves and scarves & place them on or around the tree. These may seem like a small thing, but they are crucial for those trying to keep warm.

Sunday School Update

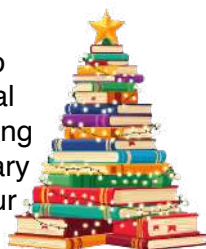
Note: NO Sunday School on December 7!!

Many thanks to our wonderful SS teachers this fall! Looking beyond the holidays & beginning to fill your winter schedule? **You are needed!** We've had so many great volunteers this year and would love to keep that trend going into 2026. A great New Year resolution would be to share your talents by teaching a class ... or 2 ... or 3! You can sign up on the board in the Parlor, by scanning the QR code here, or clicking the link in your weekly e-News. Thank you!



Heights Library Hosts FPCHH Christmas Tree

Our Outreach and Christian Ed committees joined forces to place a decorated Christmas tree in the HH Library's annual *Festival of Trees*. Our kids & teachers did a great job creating adorable snowman ornaments. Be sure to stop by the library to see all the trees & consider putting your raffle ticket in our bucket! All proceeds from the raffle support our library.





Pine Barons Holiday Show Next Month

You're invited to the Pine Barons Holiday show, *The Great Holiday Bake Off*, on **Saturday, December 6**, at 2pm & 7:30pm at St. Andrews United Methodist Church (327 Marlton Pike W, Cherry Hill). **Jeff Hudson will be selling tickets for \$10 each** (door price is \$20!). The tickets can be used for either show — but just once.

IFC Holiday House Tour Help Needed

Anyone interested and willing to be a docent for Interfaith Caregivers' Holiday House Tour should see Suzanne Lange or Judy Wilson. Suzanne & Judy are each chairing different houses on the tour and seeking people for 2-hour shifts of easy, fun service on **Thursday, December 11**, from 11AM to 9PM. Docents also get reduced price tickets for the this year's tour!



2026 Stewardship Campaign

Blessings to all the church angels who have submitted their pledges for the 2026 budget year. Your financial support gives wings to our church in so many ways.

- You show our staff members how much you value them.
- You show our children that their growth in faith is important to you.
- You show the many people who benefit from our missions that they are seen and heard and cared about.
- You show that you believe keeping our buildings and grounds in good repair is necessary to house a growing and thriving community of faith.



Wear your pledge halo with joy! For those who have yet to pledge, you can submit yours online by scanning the **QR code** here (or using the **link in your e-News**), or by filling out a **pledge card** in the narthex. Your prayerful consideration toward your pledge is greatly appreciated. *Thank you!*

First Pres **YOUTH GROUP** 2026 Mission Trip

Youth Group Mission Trip in 2026

Haddonfield Presbyterian is hosting a Summer Youth Mission Trip in 2026 — their 50 spots are filled, if you are interested in attending contact Laura Masi ASAP and she will try to squeeze you in. We are able to cover 50% of both youth and adult volunteer costs, bringing the total to \$300 each.

When: June 21-27, 2026

Where: West Virginia

Who: 9th—12th graders

Cost: \$300/person

Youth: Contact Laura ASAP!

Adults: Scan the QR code here to register as a volunteer, or reach out to Laura for more info.

