



# STONE HILL CHURCH

December 14, 2025

*Advancing God's mission of  
making dedicated followers of  
Jesus Christ*

Sunday Worship9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

This week’s theme:  
*Because Jesus is fully human, He provides us with a model  
for obeying God the Father.*

Call to WorshipJohn 1:1, 4–5, 14

Opening HymnJoy to the World

Invocation

Choir AnthemGloria in Excelsis Deo (Vivaldi)

Advent Reading

Confession of Sin

Promise of Pardon

Worship in Song

Away in a Manger  
Prepare Him Room  
Angels (Glory to God)

Pastoral Prayer

*Doxology*

SermonLuke 2:41-52Pastor Tracy Troxel

Closing HymnAs With Gladness Men of Old

Benediction



# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 14, 2025

**New Here?** Welcome! We'd love to connect with you. Please take a moment to fill out [a welcome card](#) and stop by the Welcome Desk after the service to connect with us.

**Prayer at SHC.** Let the body of Christ pray for your prayer needs! Prayer teams are available at the front of the sanctuary and in the Observation Room after each service. For those who would like a larger audience to pray for them, requests can be [sent to the prayer chain](#).

**News from the Field.** Come and hear recent Global Outreach updates in the Sanctuary on Sunday (12/14) at 10:30 a.m. You will hear about the recent GO Ambassador trip to India and the Bradley family's work in Haiti. We will also announce the 2026 short-term mission trips and other opportunities to serve cross-culturally.

**Christmas Concert.** Join us for this year's Christmas Concert on Sunday (12/14) at 6:00 p.m. Alongside a couple congregational carols, the choir will be performing both John Rutter's and Antonio Vivaldi's GLORIA with a chamber orchestra. Reception to follow!

**Hope Explored.** Pastor Michael will be leading a discussion in the Ristuccia Library at 10:30 a.m. (12/14 & 21). The life, death and resurrection of Jesus will be presented, leading ultimately to discovering how Christ fulfills three great longings we all experience--hope, peace, and purpose. Email [Pastor Michael](#) for more information.

**Christmas Eve Service.** Join us for the candlelight Christmas Eve Service on Wednesday (12/24) at 6:00 p.m. There will be plenty of carols and Christ-centered teaching for all to enjoy. Please join us after the service for the cookie potluck. For all who are able, please bring around a dozen cookies to share with others!

**What else is HAPPENING?** Explore the [Stone Hill Website](#) to learn about our various ministries, serving opportunities, and more! Sign up for our newsletters [here](#).



# 2025 FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are grateful that Stone Hill Church's mission continues to thrive by God's grace as dedicated followers of Jesus are built up in the Princeton area, in the northeast, and around the world. This is made possible by God's Spirit, your service, and your generous giving. For the remainder of the year, we will update and communicate this information so that you have the most up-to-date information as we approach the end of the calendar year...

As of December 11, we have received \$2,140,000 in gifts and income. Thank you and praise God for His provision. **Our total projected expenses for the 2025 ministry year are \$2,780,000. Our hope and goal is to receive an additional \$640,000 by the end of year so that Stone Hill's mission will be fully-funded for 2025.** This is a similar financial position compared to the past several years so we are hopeful and prayerful that God can continue to provide as we seek to extend the reputation of Jesus and His gospel as His people.

You can give [online \(bit.ly/giveSHC\)](https://bit.ly/giveSHC), via mail, or in the offering boxes in the back of the sanctuary. On behalf of the elder board, thank you for your year-end support of our ministry!

# HAVE A QUESTION?

## About Baptism or Membership?

Email [members@stonehillprinceton.org](mailto:members@stonehillprinceton.org)

## About Small Groups?

Email [smallgroups@stonehillprinceton.org](mailto:smallgroups@stonehillprinceton.org)

## About Family Ministries?

Email [family@stonehillprinceton.org](mailto:family@stonehillprinceton.org)

## About Young Adults Ministry?

Email [youngadults@stonehillprinceton.org](mailto:youngadults@stonehillprinceton.org)

## About the Church Building or Scheduling an Event?

Email [nathanielm@stonehillprinceton.org](mailto:nathanielm@stonehillprinceton.org)

## About Care or Benevolence?

Email [care@stonehillprinceton.org](mailto:care@stonehillprinceton.org)

## About Global Outreach?

Email [globaloutreach@stonehillprinceton.org](mailto:globaloutreach@stonehillprinceton.org)

## About Communications?

Email [communications@stonehillprinceton.org](mailto:communications@stonehillprinceton.org)

All other questions can be sent to [info@stonehillprinceton.org](mailto:info@stonehillprinceton.org) and the church office will direct you to the right person.

**Volunteers Needed:** There are many serving teams who are in need of volunteers. Please consider serving as you are able, if even only once!

- **Cafe Team** (8:00-9:00 a.m. and 12:45-1:15 p.m.) - [Ben Hancock](#)
- **Facilities** (A/V team, Grounds, Sunday Assistant, Online Service, Laundry, Painting) - [Nathaniel Mariman](#)
- **Front Door Team** (Atrium Hosts, Ushers, Welcome Desk during both worship services) - [Ben Hancock](#)
- **Sunday Worship Service Musicians** (Vocalists, Musicians, Organists) - [Amy Wells](#)
- **Nursery, Toddler and Preschool** class volunteers at both services - [Betsy Ferrer](#)
- **Social Media** (experience with social media directly or general photography, graphic design, videography, etc) - [Daniel Dyer](#)