

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Celebration of Life Service for Ellie Harris | Today**  
A memorial service for Ellie Harris will be taking place **today at NSCBC at 2:00pm**. Ellie has requested that attendees wear purple, her favorite color, if possible. A reception will follow in the Family Room.

**Annual Meeting 2026**  
*Saturday, January 24, 2026 / NSCBC / 4:00–5:30pm*  
Our Annual Meeting will include voting on the annual budget, the election of new officers, and consideration of proposed governance changes to our church constitution. All are welcome to attend, and NSCBC members are eligible to vote. Details about the vote can be found at [nscbc.org/governance](https://nscbc.org/governance).  
**We invite you to arrive at 3:15pm to join together for a prayer time.**

**MomCo 2026**  
*Every other Thursday / 9:00-11:00am / Family Room*  
**MomCo (formerly MOPS) Meetups return Jan 22!** We encourage and equip moms of young children to realize their potential as mothers, women, and leaders. The meetups include engaging speakers, interesting discussions, childcare, and coffee! Registration for the upcoming semester is now open. MomCo meets every other Thursday from 9 to 11 AM in the gym at NSCBC:1/22, 2/5, 2/26, 3/19, 4/2, 4/16, & 4/30. Learn more and register here: [nscbc.org/momco](https://nscbc.org/momco)

**Alpha Course | Spring 2026**  
*Starts Wednesday, January 21 / 9:00*  
The Alpha Course is a welcoming space for honest conversations and questions about life, faith, and meaning, shared over a meal. This 10-week course **begins January 21**, with weekly evenings from 6:30–8:30pm that include dinner, a short video exploring a question of life and faith, and table discussion. Alpha is especially helpful for those who are curious about the Christian faith—consider inviting a friend who has questions or is exploring their faith.

**Griefshare**  
*Mondays / 7:00-8:30pm / Friendship Hall*  
GriefShare is a weekly group offering understanding, support, and practical help for those navigating grief. Come to share, listen, and find hope alongside others who understand. **Runs until March 23, 2026**

CHURCH CENTER

Join our online community portal for events and more.

 This icon indicates a sign up or more information on Church Center. Join us at [nscbc.churchcenter.com](https://nscbc.churchcenter.com) or download the Church Center app to get started.



CALENDAR

Today (1/4)	<b>First Worship Service</b>   Sanctuary	9:15am
	<b>Second Worship Service</b>   Sanctuary	11:00am
	<b>Ellie Harris’s Celebration of Life Service</b>	2:00pm
Monday	<b>GriefShare</b>   Friendship Hall	7:00pm
	<b>Pick-up Volleyball</b>   Family Room	7:00pm
Friday	<b>Pick-up Soccer</b>   Family Room	7:30pm
Sunday (1/11)	<b>One Worship Service</b>   Sanctuary	9:15am
	<b>Second Worship Service</b>   Sanctuary	11:00am

**Nomination Committee Update**

The Nominating Committee has shared the 2026 Leadership Ballot. Voting will take place at the Annual Meeting on **Saturday January 24 at 4:00pm**. We encourage all members to be present. A compilation of the nominees can be found outside the Sanctuary, at the welcome desk, and online at [nscbc.org/nominating-committee](https://nscbc.org/nominating-committee)

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<b>Elders</b>	<b>Deacons</b>	
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Nate Sidmore	Ryan Berger (Finance)	Porter Sprigg
Bobby Warrenburg	Clay Range (Facilities)	Marcia Sidmore
Russ Bjork	Jon Rodgers (Personnel)	Nancy Stallard
Andrew Rennekamp	Kristin Gelinass	Katie Alcott
Antuan Weeks	Laura Gallant	Lissa Whitley
<b>Treasurer</b>   Jim Maden		

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Second Sunday After Christmas  
January 4, 2026

The Lord Intercedes

*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*  
-Matthew 11:28-30

REFLECTION FOR WORSHIP

“And if you gaze long enough into an abyss,  
the abyss will gaze back into you,”  
-Friedrich Nietzsche, *Beyond Good and Evil*

“Indeed the safest road to Hell is the gradual one—the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts.”  
-C.S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters*

# CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

## FIRST SERVICE | 9:15 AM

- **Nursery (Birth–2.5 yrs):** Drop off before service in **Room 208**
- **Preschool Worship (2.5–4.5 yrs):** Drop off before service in **Room 205**
- **Children’s Worship (4.5 yrs–2nd grade):** Children begin the service with their families, then will be invited partway through to the **sanctuary foyer**, where leaders will bring them downstairs to **Room LL1 in the Children’s Wing**.

## SECOND SERVICE | 11:00AM

- **Nursery (Birth–2.5 yrs):** Drop off before service in **Room 208**
- **Sunday School (Preschool–5th Grade):** Children should arrive before the service to their classrooms:
  - **Preschool:** Preschool Room (across from nursery)
  - **PreK/K:** Children’s Wing, Room LL4
  - **Grades 1–5:** Children’s Wing, Room LL1

# PRAYER



## Community Focus:

We pray for those who are facing **financial insecurity** during this season. May we be a community that deeply loves on those who reach out for help.

We lift up those wrestling with **winter illnesses** and pray for speedy recover for those afflicted.

## Congregation Focus:

We pray for **Heidi Duncan-Murray** as she resumes chemotherapy.

## World Focus:

We pray for the victims of the fire in **Switzerland**. May God’s peace find those affected.

We lift up the country of **Venezuela**. May God’s hand of protection stretch over its citizens.

Submit prayer requests in the Church Center App or at [nscbc.org/pray](https://nscbc.org/pray).

Support the mission of our church through giving online at [nscbc.org/giving](https://nscbc.org/giving) or leave a donation in our offering boxes located by the sanctuary doors.

# SERVICE ORDER

Second Sunday after Christmas | January 4, 2026

Prelude Adam Kurihara

## God Gathers Us to Himself

\*Gathering Hymn Christmas Sanctus (745) NICEA

Call to Worship Adam Kurihara

\*Praise Your Name Baloché (2013)  
Thou Who Wast Rich (761) FRAGRANCE

Confession & Assurance Adam Kurihara

Prayer for Children (*First Service*)

\*Passing the Peace

Children ages 4.5 - 2nd grade are invited to children’s worship

Life of the Church: Offering and Announcements Adam Kurihara

Kingdom-Centered Prayer Bobby Warrenburg

## God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture Reading Genesis 19:1-29 Laura Gallant (*9:15am*)  
Shauna Anthony (*11:00am*)

Sermon The Uncompromised Welcome Richard Wallace

## God Moves Us to Respond

Invitation to Lord’s Supper Richard Wallace

\*Apostles’ Creed

Communion

\*Song of Response His Mercy Is More (123) Boswell/Papa (2015)  
All Glory Be To Christ (217) AULD LANG SYNE

## God Sends Us Out to Serve

\*Doxology

\*Benediction Richard Wallace

Postlude Adam Kurihara

Our prayer team is located in the back of the sanctuary to pray for you after the service.

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The sermon & service recordings are available at [nscbc.org](https://nscbc.org).

# SERMON NOTES

## Welcome!

**Visiting?** Please fill out a connect card and drop it in the offering plate when it comes by.

**Need a Bible?** See an usher to receive a gift Bible. Large print and children’s Bibles are available for use during the service.

**Have questions?** Find someone with a name badge or visit our Welcome Desk by the parking lot.