

RACINE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
December 21, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.
Pastor Anson Veenstra

God Gathers Us Together

Choir: *“Waiting for Emmanuel” (arr. Ruth Schram)*

*** Call to Worship and Greeting**

*** Opening Prayer**

Opening Anthem: Choir: *“Carols of Gathering”*
(arr. Joseph Martin) (Congregation joins “O Come All Ye Faithful”)

*** God’s Greeting/We Greet Each other**

Advent Candle Lighting

Advent Hymn: *“He Came Down”*

God Forgives and Renews

Call to Confession

Choral Response: *“Christmas Hymn”*
(Amy Grant/MW Smith; Arr. Keith Christopher)

Congregational Prayer

God Speaks to Us

Children’s Message

Choir Anthem: *“Tell Us Shepherds” (arr. G. Tomanek)*

Scripture: *Luke 2:22-35*

Sermon: *Gift of Peace*

We Respond to God’s Grace

Offering Cause: **Mission Support**

Carol of Response: *“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”*
Psalter Hymnal 345

*** God’s Blessing**

* Please rise in body or spirit

*** Closing Carol** *“Once in Royal David’s City”*
Psalter Hymnal 346:1,2,4,5

The Gift of Peace
A Listeners Guide for
Luke 2:22-35

Introduction:
The Importance of Now!

The Consolation of Israel

The Gift of Peace:

I Am Prepared to _____

I Am Ready to _____

I Am Willing to _____

Conclusion:

