

Green Lake Church

The Joy of Secret Service: A Sermon on Saint Nicholas

Kevin McGill
6 December 2025

PRELUDE

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Green Lake Choir
Setting, Hugo Distler

WELCOME and CHURCH LIFE

Lynette Blanks

CALL TO WORSHIP

A Processional for Advent

Green Lake Choir
Rachel Aarons

INVOCATION

Lynette Blanks

✿ HYMN OF PRAISE

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Hymnal No. 363

ADVENT READING

Janna Stern

ADVENT MUSIC

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Katrina Karli, viola
VENI EMMANUEL

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Ahrens Family

OFFERING

Offering this week

Kevin McGill
Local Church Budget

OFFERTORY

In the Bleak Midwinter

Green Lake Ringers
Arr. Sandra Eithun

CALL TO THE CHILDREN'S STORY

Come Ye Lofty, Come Ye Lowly from Christmas Day

Gustav Holst

CHILDREN'S STORY

Kevin McGill

CALL TO PRAYER

Refrain of O Come, O come, Emmanuel - All

Hymnal No. 115
VENI EMMANUEL

MORNING PRAYER

Katie-Lynn Thiesen

*Our Father, which 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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.*

PRAYER RESPONSE

Of the Father's Love Begotten - v.2 - All

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Chris Blanks

Isaiah 58:10 (NLT)

ANTHEM

Green Lake Junior Choir, Green Lake Choir

Mary's Little Boy Child

Jester Hairston, Arr. Valerie Shields

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Lynette Blanks

Philippians 2:3-4 (NLT)

SERMON

Kevin McGill

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✿ **HYMN OF CONSECRATION**

Hymnal No. 125

Joy to the World

Antioch

✿ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Virginia Platta, soloist

Katrina Karli, viola

Advent Benediction

Setting by Valerie Shields

Please join in the refrain

POSTLUDE

Jayden Ochieng

Joy to the World

G. F. Handel

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**Sermon Synopsis** ... The life of Saint Nicholas, the 4th-century bishop, demonstrates that true joy is an outflow of service. By giving his wealth away in secret to aid the afflicted, Nicholas embodied the biblical truth: "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). His acts of anonymous charity show that when we "pour ourselves out" for others (Isaiah 58:10), we find our own life's light and gladness rising in return, proving that the most fulfilling life is one of humble, selfless giving.

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Deacons: Alwin Vyhmeister, Kurt Mehrer

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Safety: Alwin Vyhmeister

Sunset

Friday, December 5, 4:21 p.m.

Saturday, December 6, 4:21 p.m.