



# First Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent



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## Order of Worship

Prelude

*Three Variations on "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"*  
Bruce Stevens, organ

Ernst Pepping

Welcome and Announcements

Introit (Hymn 95)

"Prepare the Way of the Lord"  
*(Please sing as invited)*

PREPARE THE WAY

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Adeboye, Ajibola, Funbi, Jubeelo, Morayo,  
Semiloore, Setemi, and Sindara Taiwo

One: We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

As the Lord has promised, in the days to come  
the wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

**All: the calf and the lion and the fatling will lie down together,  
and a little child shall lead them.**

The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;

**nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.**

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

**Amen.**

\*Hymn 106

"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of all peoples, you desire wholeness for us and for your world, yet we make choices that create distance from one another and from you. We cling to pride instead of seeking understanding. We allow discord to grow even where cooperation is possible. Forgive us, Lord. Open our hearts that we may live as people shaped by your promise of peace.**

\*Passing the Peace

Time for Young Disciples

*Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to Children's Chapel.  
They will return to the sanctuary for the Lord's Supper.*

Prayer for Illumination

**\*Please rise in body or in spirit.**

Psalter

*Lift Up Your Heads*  
Chancel Choir

William Mathias

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.*

~ Psalm 24:7-10

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

OT p. 594

Sermon

“Peace”

Rev. Josh Andrzejewski

Call to Offering

Offertory

*Gabriel’s Message*

arr. by Robert Lau

\*Doxology (Prayer of Thanksgiving)

VENI EMMANUEL

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Lord’s Prayer (Hymnal p. 35)

Words of Institution

Music During Communion

*Laudate Dominum*  
*Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming*  
Chancel Choir  
(Lyrics may be found in hymn 129)

W. A. Mozart  
arr. Michael Praetorius

Prayer After Communion

\*Hymn 105

“People, Look East”

BESANÇON

\*Charge and Benediction

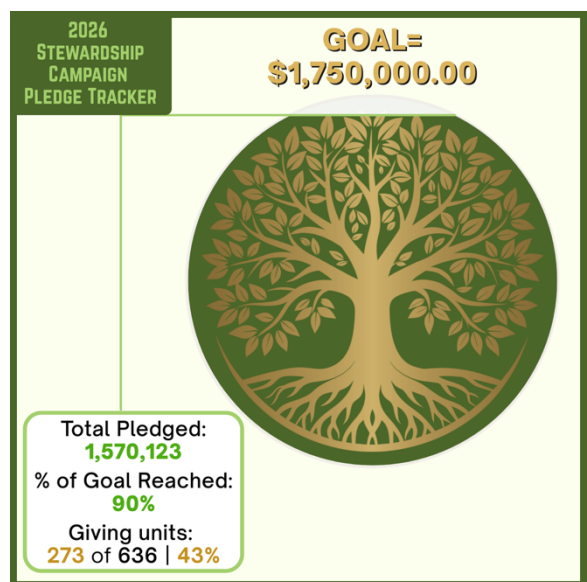
Postlude

*Chorale Prelude on “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”*

Johann Pachelbel



If you wish to provide a poinsettia as a memorial during Advent or make a donation to our Music Fund as a memorial, scan the QR code to submit your donation. Names received by **Sunday, December 14**, will be part of a worship service in Advent. If you have any questions, contact Ashtyn Bratt at 804-358-2383 ext. 125.



**This week's usher team includes:** Pratt Cook, Bill Collier, Deborah Miller, Elizabeth Saunders, Pete Winters, Sheryl Phillips

**Elders at the doors:** Foster Jennings, LaMont Noble, Vicki Warren

*The flowers in the Sanctuary were arranged by Julie Langan and the flowers in the Memorial Corridor were arranged by Harriet Yake.*

The Advent banners in the chancel were designed and created by Angela Annas, David Annas, Kathy Harris, Christina Luxon, Susan Mountcastle, and Merrill White.

**Please keep in your prayers those with special concerns:**

- Susan Anthony (*Jane Neer's sister*), favorable cancer treatments
- Bev Berwick (*Jim Berwick's mother*), health concerns
- Sarah Campbell (*Kit and Pat Campbell's daughter*), health concerns
- Rebecca Darling (*Ashley Raggi's sister*), health concerns
- Annabel Edge, health concerns
- Brian Finlay (*Neely Barnhardt's brother-in-law*), health concerns
- Cynthia Hintze, health concerns
- Barbara Mitchell (*Judy Noble's mother*), in hospice care
- Jane Neer, permanently in health care
- Sue Parrish (*Kathy Nelson's mother*), health concerns
- Betty Proffitt (*Jenny Morris' mother*), health concerns
- Karen Rohr, continued recovery from fall
- Sam Spencer (*Sharon Spencer's brother*), health concerns
- Sharon Spencer, health concerns
- Amy Starr Redwine, health concerns

**We pray for members and family serving in the military:**

Tripp Bowles, Jenny Sigel Burkett, Toby Collins, Joshua Garber, Zach Kirk, Mason Louthan, Nathan Thomas Meade, Peyton Spivey, Pierce Tarry, and Will Watkins

**How can we pray for you?**

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