



First Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 30th, 2025

First Sunday of Advent



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Order of Worship

Prelude

Organ Chorale: "Savior of the Nations, Come," BWV 659
Bruce Stevens, organ

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Derek Starr Redwine

Introit

“Zion hört die Wächter singen” from BWV 140
Jason N. Brown, tenor

J. S. Bach

*Zion hört die Wächter singen,
das Herz tut ihr vor Freuden springen,
sie wachet und steht eilend auf.
Ihr Freund kommt von Himmel prächtig,
von Gnaden stark, von Wahrheit mächtig,
ihr Licht wird hell, ihr Stern geht auf.
Nun komm, du werthe Kron',
Herr Jesu, Gottes Sohn,
Hosianna!
Wir folgen all zum Freudensaal
und halten mit das Abendmahl.*

Zion hears the watchmen sing,
her heart leaps for joy within her,
she awakens and hastily arises.
Her glorious beloved comes from heaven,
strong in mercy, powerful in truth,
her light becomes bright, her star rises.
Now come, precious crown,
Lord Jesus, the Son of God!
Hosannah!

We all follow to the hall of joy
and hold the evening meal together.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Elizabeth, Nathan, and Isabelle Julia Scalla

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.

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Amen.

*Hymn 83

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

STUTTGART

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Derek Starr Redwine

God of promise, at the beginning of this Advent season, we yearn for the peace, hope, love, and joy you bring. Yet our fear hinders our peace. Our despair halts our hope. Our judgments diminish our love. Our desire to follow the way of the world crowds out the joy we find in you. Draw near to us this Advent season, reminding us you are the one we wait for, and the one who has already come.

*Passing the Peace

Time for Young Disciples

Cate Jobe

Hymn 92 (vv. 1 & 2)

“While We Are Waiting, Come”

WAITING

*Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to Children's Chapel.
They may be picked up from the chapel following worship.*

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

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Stephanie Hamilton

Scripture Reading

Matthew 24:36-44

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Sermon

“Awake”

Anthem

“And the Glory of the Lord” from *Messiah*
Chancel Choir

G. F. Handel

*Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Josh Andrzejewski

In life and in death, we belong to God. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all people to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of people long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” (From *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

Call to Offering

Offertory

“Variations,” from *Organ Concerto No. 1 in G*

G. F. Handel

*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.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn 348

“Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”

HELMSLEY

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Stephanie Hamilton

Postlude

Organ Chorale: “Savior of the Nations, Come” BWV 661

J. S. Bach



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.



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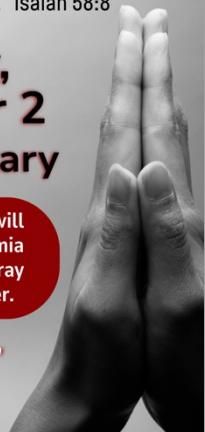
Prayer Service

"Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear." Isaiah 58:8

**Tuesday,
December 2
7PM|Sanctuary**

Our pastor, Amy Starr Redwine, will soon begin the next phase of leukemia treatment. Join us as we gather to pray for Amy and for all affected by cancer.

Join us for prayer, song, candle-lighting, and shared hope.




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Sunday, December 14

This week's usher team includes: Laura Bland, Kim Basmajian, Rachael Brown, Connie Gottwald, Kierston Koplin, Ann Latstetter, Elizabeth McDermid

Elders at the doors: Eone Beck, Jim Irby, Charlotte Woodfin

The flowers in the Sanctuary were arranged by Lynda Starr and the flowers in the Memorial Corridor were arranged by Harriet Yake.

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
- Betty Harlan, 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

Those Grieving:

- Sally and Jay Bryson on the death of Sally's mother, Madeline and John Clarke Bryson on the death of their grandmother, Betty Harlan, on November 25.

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?

You can submit concerns and celebrations at fpcrichmond.org/prayer or let one of our pastors know.



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