



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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*To all who are weary and need rest, to all who mourn and need comfort, to all who are lonely and need friendship, to all who are glad and would serve others, to all who are complacent and need disturbing, to all who sin and need a Savior, this Church opens wide its door in the name of Christ, and bids you welcome.*

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 7, 2025

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### THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR  
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
PRELUDE

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Arr.: Lani Smith

### GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Susan & Terry Turner

CONGREGATION IN UNISON: ... *God of hope, God of peace, into our darkness come.*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leila Hall, Liturgist

Leader: O come, O come, Immanuel,

**People: And be light for our darkness.**

Leader: Be comfort in our grief.

**People: Be a friend for our loneliness,**

Leader: An oasis for our searching.

**People: O come, O come, Immanuel, Restore our joy, heal our wounds, and bring us peace.**

#### \*HYMN #171 (see bulletin)

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

John M. Neale/Latin hymn

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

In Advent, we prepare for the coming of Christ, full of grace and truth. Trusting in God’s unfailing grace, let us tell the truth about ourselves, joining in our prayer of confession. Let us pray.

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)

*Lord God, we praise you for sending light into this world. We confess that we live as though the light had never defeated darkness. We confess that we ignore the Savior you sent to be among us and to live in us. We’ve kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season and do not yearn for his coming each moment in our waiting hearts. Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus. Prepare us for His return. Help us rejoice in the light so that your grace can illuminate the darkened places of our hearts, even now in our quiet moments of worship... Our prayers continue in silence...*

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

May the God of peace cleanse you through and through. The promise is that our whole being—spirit, soul and body will be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: Through the waters of our baptism, we are all forgiven children of God. Alleluia! Amen!**

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Share the peace of Christ with one another.

#### \*HYMN #129 (see bulletin)

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

GERMAN CAROL

### WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

#### CALL FOR THE OFFERING

The Gospel of Matthew records these words: “You received freely; freely, give” In celebration of God’s freedom through Jesus Christ, we now pause our worship to give our tithes and offerings to God.

#### THE OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY

“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”

Setting: Hal H. Hopson

#### \*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bless these gifts, O God. You are the One who fills our lives with hope and peace. Use what we share today to fulfill your promises and bring your justice to all creation. Amen.

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Psalm 72:1-7

ANTHEM

"Waitin' for the Baby"

Harlan

SECOND READING:

Matthew 3:1-12

SERMON

"Prepare and Repent"

Rev. Rick Douylliez

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

*The Nicene Creed*

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with You.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise. . . .**

### \*HYMN #173 (see bulletin)

**"O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful"**

Falk/Katterjohn/TATTERSALL'S

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

One: Today we light the candle of peace. Be people of peace.  
Let peace live in your heart and share the peace of Christ with all you meet.  
Share peace by acting out of compassion and not fear.  
Share peace by listening to all sides of the story.  
Share peace by praying for our world.

**All: In this Advent season, as we leave this sacred place and go into the world, may we all look for, and share the signs of peace with those we meet. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen!**

### \*POSTLUDE

"Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern"

J.C. Bach

(\*) *We stand as we are able*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God*

*and in memory of William Coachman Vereen (Bud) and in honor of Lynwood Hall for their birthdays in December,  
with love from the Vereen & Zeanah families.*

## **JOIN US FOR OUR CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

**NEXT SUNDAY,**

**DEC. 14th at 11 a.m.,**

***featuring our Chancel Choir***

***and members of the Albany Symphony Orchestra.***

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ELDERS OF THE MONTH:** Aileen McNair & Melody Jenkins

***Please support FPC with a pledge for 2026. Blank pledge cards can be found in the lobby.***

Sunday, December 7 at 8:30 a.m. MEN'S BREAKFAST at FMC

**Sunday, December 7 at 3 p.m. ADVENT FEST followed by soup & sandwiches**

**Sunday, December 7 at 6 p.m. CHRISMON TREE LIGHTING SERVICE**

Monday, December 8 at 10 a.m. PRESCHOOL CHAPEL SERVICE

Monday, December 8 at 7 p.m. PW EVENING CIRCLE

**Tuesday, December 9 at 9 a.m. ADVENT STUDY (at Shalom Cafe)**

Tuesday, December 9 from 11:30 am-2 pm PRAYER & REFLECTION

Wednesday, December 10 at 1 p.m. FINANCE

Wednesday, December 10 at 4 p.m. SPIRITUAL GROWTH

**Wednesday, December 10 at 5:30 p.m. CHRISTMAS WATCH SUPPER**

Thursday, December 11 at 1 p.m. CARD PLAYING

Thursday, December 11 at 3 p.m. OFFICE CLOSING EARLY (*for the parade*)

Saturday, December 13 at noon CHOIR REHEARSAL BRUNCH

**Sunday, December 14 at 11 a.m. CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

Monday, December 15 *GOAL DEADLINE FOR YEAR-END GIVING*

## **SANCTUARY OPEN TUESDAY FOR PRAYER & INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION**

Set aside a few minutes for prayer & reflection in the sanctuary on Tuesdays 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.,  
now through Jan. 6th.

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CHRISTMAS PROJECT**

Once again this year, the Presbyterian Women are partnering with Colquitt Regional Hospice to provide small heaters for patients in the Home Care Program. Many of these patients have no heat in their homes, and new patients are continually being added who face the same need. Your generosity can make a real difference in keeping them warm this winter. **Please donate to this project by writing a separate check to First Presbyterian or Presbyterian Women and please put "heaters" in the memo line.**

## **2026 FLOWER CHART**

Holly Beard is working on the flower chart for 2026. If you are interested in a particular Sunday, please call or text her at 229-798-0669. ***Dates will be first come, first serve.***

## **WATCH SUPPERS**

***Make your reservations for the last supper of 2025!***

**Menu: Wednesday, December 10 – CHRISTMAS WATCH, LAST SUPPER OF THE YEAR**

**Everyone:** Baked Ham, Mac-N-Cheese, Collard Greens, Sweet Honey Carrots, Salad Bar, Honey Cornbread **Dessert:** Pies