



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2025 | 10:30AM

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

In this church we foster fellowship and relationships. Before the welcome feel free to move around and greet one another.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

THE JOHNSONS

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeremiah said, "I am only a boy."

Moses said, "Who am I to do this work?"

Mary said, "How can this be?"

We often say, "But God, I am afraid."

Even when we are afraid, God invites us closer.

So may we trust the Inviter.

May we heed God's invitation.

May we summon our courage and sing God's praise.

✦HYMN OF PRAISE

GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN

ARR. SHAW-PARKER

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Courageous God, you invite us to live into our call. You invite us to act, to serve, and to trust. Instead of responding with a resounding 'yes,' we often hide our face. We dig our heels in. We look for someone else to volunteer. Spark courage in us. Remind us that every person is capable of making a difference. Remind us that even when we're scared, we are not alone. You invite us forward. With baby steps we hope, we pray, Amen.

(We continue to pray in silence.) Amen.

✦ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

✦ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

We invite you to fill out the fellowship pads with your information so we can be in fellowship with you!

Confession:

Having praised the holiness of God, we must also face the sinful state of the world and of our lives, confessing our unworthiness to enter into God's presence. Nevertheless, we approach God with confidence, trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ. This turn from communal praise to corporate confession, established on the promise of God's grace, is one of the hallmarks of the Reformed Tradition.

We invite you to use this time to enter into conversation, and see where Christ's peace is moving in another's life.

Sermon Notes:

✦JOYFUL RESPONSE	GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME	582
Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.		
✦PASSING OF THE PEACE	The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you. Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.	
CHILDREN’S SERMON		
DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD		
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		
SCRIPTURE READING	JEREMIAH 1:4-10 The Word of God for the People of God. Thanks be to God.	
ANTHEM	LONG AGO (IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER)	ARR. NAVERUD
SCRIPTURE READING	LUKE 1:26-39 The Word of God for the People of God. Thanks be to God.	
SERMON	EVEN IN OUR FEAR, WE ARE CALLED FORWARD	
✦SERMON HYMN	PEOPLE LOOK EAST	105
SPECIAL MUSIC	IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR	ARR. BLACK

DISCIPLES RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We have seen the valley. We have seen a sky without stars. We have seen the longest night, and still we believe. We believe in a with-us God. We believe in the hope of tomorrow. We believe that good news is louder than fear. We believe this good news is for all people. So even when our knees shake, even when our voice trembles, even when fear is all around us, we will hold onto that good news. We will reach for each other. We will look for God in our midst. We will sing songs of joy. We will proclaim: Unto us, love is born. We have seen the longest night, and we have seen unimaginable love. So still, we believe. Amen.

POINTS OF MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

ARR. FARRELL

✦DOXOLOGY

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

✦SENDING HYMN

COMFORT, COMFORT NOW MY PEOPLE

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✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

WELCOME VISITORS

A very special welcome to any visitors among us today. We sincerely hope that, when you leave us today, you have an abundant sense of love and welcome. Our pastor, A.J., would love to speak with you and your family if you have any questions about who we are as a family, and what we feel called to do and be in our neighborhood. You can reach him at revmealor@gmail.com. We hope that you have a blessed week and that you'll join us again.

Give Joyfully Cards:

We give not only our money, but everything we have to God. Please read our Give Joyfully card in the pew rack. You may place it in the offering plate as a reminder to offer yourself to God this week.

You may give to the church digitally by using your camera to hover over the QR code below which will take you to our online giving page.



Worship Leaders:
Anne Hall
Rev. A.J. Mealor
Phillip Ashley
Karey Fowler

Next Week's Readings:
Matthew 1:18-25
Isaiah 41:5-10

NEWS TO KNOW

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14:

9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
CONFIRMATION CLASS
10:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE
(IN PERSON & YOUTUBE)
11:30AM FELLOWSHIP HOUR
5:00PM PROGRESSIVE DINNER

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15:

2:30PM BUNCO (ZOOM)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17:

6:30PM CHOIR REHEARSAL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21:

9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
CONFIRMATION CLASS
10:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE
(IN PERSON & YOUTUBE)
11:30AM FELLOWSHIP HOUR
11:45AM SESSION MEETING

Livestream is available on [YouTube](#).

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY

Wanda Alford	Cecelia Novak	Judy Renwick
Glenda Wilson	Dottie Lee	Larry Everett
Paul Burris	Duane Woods	Dick Buys
Fisher, Audree, & Josh Yaney		Beth Burr

FRIENDS OF FAMILY

Bob Roller
(Duane Woods)

Randolph McInvale
(Donna & Rodney Weisman)

**Kim McDaniel, Janet Howarth,
and Rosey Jones (friend)**
(Jan Bell)

Dan & Joanne Bohl, Ashley Moore
(Alice & Chuck Saunders)

**Jerre Michelin, Larry Posey, Bruce
Barnes and Ruth Jamieson**
(Rita Schumm)

**Heather Bailey Ray & Lisa and Mrs.
Kristine Joubert**
(Lisa Bigham)

Tim and Aunt Liz Williford
(Cochran & Beth Keating)

Nikita Mac
(Jamie Seidman McDonnell)

Dan Mercer
(Beth & John Mercer)

Charlie Sinclair
(Jane Fletcher)

**Lee Steel, The Jarvis Family,
Mother, Father and Josh Huff**
(Doc Dean)

**Carolyn Parsons,
Calliope Rose and Scott Riley**
(Michele & David Reed)

Cade & Family
(Kristin Morgan)

**Shelia (niece) , Gene (husband),
Amy (daughter)**
(Louise Sadler)

Minnie Lee Vann (mother)
(Gerome Brown)

Gloria Byard
(Joyce Blocker)

Freightlin Cox, Kevin Sattler,
(Elaine Wilbur)

Anna (granddaughter)
(Melanie and Cliff Jordan)

The Family of Jean
(Jo-Ann Schlorholtz)

**Jill Dooley & Family,
Tammy and George, Kim**
(Laura Harrison)

**Barrett Family and
Byrd Lewis Mashburn**
(Karan Newsome)

**MaryAnn King (mother),
Patrice High, and Arlene Riley**
(Diane Bodenhamer)

Lee Stillwell (son-in-law)
(Wanda Alford)

Karen & Joe Rodesta (cousins)
(Rita Sockman)

**Neysa Brogdon & Family,
William Dunlap**
(Laura Beth Hall)

**Brenda Lynch, Phil Ashley
(father), Sarah White**
(Phillip Ashley)

Chris Beers (neighbor)
(Beth and Cochran Keating)

The Family of Mitch Hall
(Amy Hall)

**All Military & Families,
Robert Gamble &
This Child Here**

If you have a prayer concern or celebration, or are interested in becoming a part of the prayer chain ministry, please call the office at (850) 893-0617 or send an email to fellowshipprayer24@gmail.com.

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Phillip Ashley	Music Director
Karey Fowler	Organist
Kim Bergstresser	Financial Secretary
Gerome Brown	Sexton

THE SESSION

Jan Bell, Cliff Jordan, Melissa Wyllie
Beth Keating, Elizabeth McGinniss, David Reed
Shannon Woods, Heather Kidd,
Jamie S. McDonnell
CLERK: Elizabeth McGinniss

THE DIACONATE

Michele Reed, Louise Sadler,
Laura B. Hall, Rita Schumm

TREASURER: Hillman Brannon