

Welcome to Worship

at

Grace

Presbyterian Church PCA

December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

MEDITATION from Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. "Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth!"

JOY TO THE WORLD! Trinity Hymnal #195

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Philippians 4:4

Come "*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.*"

WHILE BY THE SHEEP WE WATCHED AT NIGHT Hymn #215

While by the sheep we watched at night,
glad tidings brought an angel bright.

REFRAIN:

How great our joy! Great our joy!

Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!

Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

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There shall be born, so he did say,
in Bethlehem a child today. (Refrain)

There shall the child lie in a stall,
this child who shall redeem us all.

REFRAIN:

How great our joy! Great our joy!

Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!

Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

This gift of God we'll cherish well,
that ever joy our hearts shall fill. (Refrain)

SILENT NIGHT Children's Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING Joy & Love

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, we confess before You that even when we have recognized our failings, instead of turning in repentance to the grace of Christ, we turn to ourselves; instead of remembering our weakness, we foolishly believe that we have the strength in our own flesh to obey Your commands; instead of resting in Christ as our acceptance before You and relying on the Holy Spirit's power at work in us, we trust ourselves and therefore try to gain Your grace by our obedience. Forgive our sin, Lord God, through Your Son! Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out our transgressions. Wash away our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. O Lord, clothe us with Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON 1 Timothy 1:15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

CONFESSION OF FAITH Westminster Confession of Faith VIII.II

The Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, being truly and eternally God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time had come, take upon Himself man's nature, with all its essential properties and common frailties, yet without sin. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the virgin Mary and of her substance. In this way, two whole natures, the divine and the human, perfect and distinct, were inseparably joined together in one person without being changed, mixed, or confused. This person is truly God and truly man, yet one Christ, the only mediator between God and man.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Adult Choir "Christ is Come"

GLORIA PATRI Hymn #735

DEACON'S OFFERTORY PRAYER

GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN, REJOICE Hymn #207

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
earth and heav'n before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door, and man is blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

HE SHALL REIGN FOREVERMORE
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Songs, Worship Together Music, Be Essential Songs, and I Am A Pilgrim
Songs

In the bleak mid-winter all creation groans
For a world in darkness, frozen like a stone.
Light is breaking in a stable for a throne.

CHORUS
He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.
Unto us a Child is born,
The King of kings and Lord of lords.
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.

If I were a wise man, I would travel far.
If I were a shepherd, I would do my part.
But poor as I am, I will give to Him my heart. (Chorus)

Here within a manger lies
the One Who made the starry skies,
This baby born for sacrifice: Christ, the Messiah!
Into our hopes, into our fears
the Savior of the world appears,
The promise of eternal years: Christ, the Messiah!

He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.
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The King of kings and Lord of lords.
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

SERMON
TE Jerry Straight
“The Lamb of God Described”
Isaiah 53:1-12

LORD’S SUPPER
Bread is gluten-free

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN
Hymn # 224

THE LORD’S PRAYER
Hymnal, inside cover
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.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
And the glory, forever. Amen

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Given In Memory of

Anna Goins, Mother
by Barabara Bohac

Lewis W. and Barbara D Crosby, my Beloved Parents
by Warren Crosby

Jack and Emma Raper
by Linda Smith and Christy Chalfant

Jack Mastrangelo
by Scott and Lori Van Zanten

JOIN US AFTER WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

CHILDREN’S CLASSES
PRE-K & K – ROOM 101
1ST & 2ND GRADES – ROOM 105
3RD – 5TH GRADES – ROOM 102
MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL – ROOM 104

ADULT CLASSES
‘GENESIS’ – ROOM 108
WOMEN’S CLASS ‘EZEKIEL’ – ROOM 111
NEW CLASS “THE REFORMATION” -
FELLOWSHIP HALL

WELCOME

If you’re new to Grace, we are thankful you are here to
worship with us! Please complete a **Welcome Card** or a
Prayer Request Card from the back of the pew and place it
in the offering basket or hand it to the pastor.

Check your inbox for the weekly church email, “**This Week at
Grace**” or visit the church website ‘**Events**’ & ‘**Groups**’.

Upcoming church events and church family prayer
requests are available on a colored flyer in the Narthex.

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