

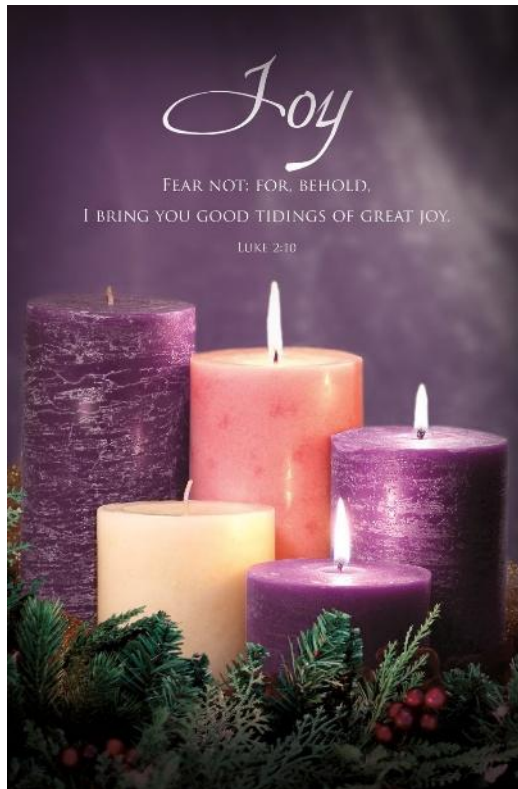
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GRAPEVINE**

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2025

10:30 AM

A Service of Advent Lessons and Carols



Everybody is welcome here.

Whoever and wherever you are on your life's journey, we see God in you. Come! This is a place for everyone* who desires to hear and embrace the word of God. Because God welcomes all, we, too, welcome everyone into the whole of our community. We respect each individual's identity and contributions. We affirm and nurture the worth of every person's journey.

*"Everyone" and related pronouns = persons of every age, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic or family status, mental or physical abilities.

VISITORS: We are delighted that you have joined us today in worship and we encourage you to register your attendance by using your phone to scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin (under the Attendance heading) or to complete a Visitor's Card located on the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate. Thank you and we hope to see you again.

Also, prayer cards will be collected during the first hymn.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude *“Fantasia on Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

arr. Carol Lynn Mizzell

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Handbell Choir; Stephen Howe, Trevor Ball - Trombone; Rev. Dr. Bob
Crilley - Tuba; Nia Murimi - Oboe

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Christmas Joy Offering

Tanya Czyz

Processional *“Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth”*

vs. 6 arr. Richard M. Walsh

Text: St. Ambrose (fourth century)

**Music: Michael Praetorius, harm. George Woodward,
Sanctuary Choir**

- v1** Come, thou Redeemer of the earth, and manifest Thy virgin birth:
Let ev’ry age adoring fall; such birth befits the God of all.
- v2** Begotten of no human will, but of the Spirit, Thou art still
The Word of God in flesh arrayed, the promised fruit to man
displayed.
- v3** From God the Father He proceeds, to God the Father back He
speeds;
His course He runs to death and hell, returning on God’s throne to
dwell.
- v4** O equal to Thy Father, Thou! Gird on Thy fleshly mantle now;
The weakness of our mortal state with deathless might invigorate.
- v5** Thy cradle here shall glitter bright, and darkness breathe a newer
light,
Where endless faith shall shine serene, and twilight never
intervene.
- v6** All laud, eternal Son, to Thee whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Ghost for evermore.

Call to Worship

Those lighting the candles this week are Kim Jones, Kelly Jones, Katie, Josh, and Lila Batty

One: Week by week,

All: the light grows stronger and brighter, as we anticipate the coming Christ.

One: As we gather around the Advent wreath today, we remember God's blessings symbolized by the candles we have lit the last two weeks—the candles of HOPE and PEACE.

Today we light the pink candle of JOY.

Joy is what Elizabeth felt when Mary came to visit;

Joy is a baby leaping inside her.

All: Joy is the delight in being chosen, the delight that, no matter our circumstance, God will lift us up.

One: Joy makes us leap and sing.

All: Dear God, in the height of our Advent walk, grant us the courage to experience joy: joy in the face of apathy, joy in the face of sorrow, joy in the face of uncertainty. Amen.

Carol

"Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day"

John Gardner

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Sanctuary Choir

First Lesson

Lament for the Sin of Israel and Judah

Don Trost

Amos 5:10–12,

15, 21–24

Carol

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Text: 18th-century English translation of pre-9th-century Latin

Music: 15th-century French melody, arr. David Willcocks

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v1 O come, O come, Emmanuel! Redeem Thy captive Israel,
That into exile drear is gone far from the face of God's dear Son.

Refrain Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

v2 (Men) O come, Thou Branch of Jesse! Draw the quarry from the
lion's claw;
From the dread caverns of the grave, from nether hell, thy people
save.

Refrain

v3 (Women) O come, O come, Thou Dayspring bright! Pour on our
souls Thy healing light;
Dispel the long night's ling'ring gloom, and pierce the shadows of
the tomb.

Refrain

v4 (ALL) O come, Thou Lord of David's Key! The royal door fling
wide and free;
Safeguard for us the heav'nward road, and bar the way to death's
abode.

Refrain

Second Lesson

Angel Gabriel Salutes the Virgin Mary
Rachel Howe

Luke 1:26-38

Carol

Gabriel's Message

arr. T. A. Ohnesorge

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Sanctuary Choir

***Hymn 103**

“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

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Choir & Congregation

- 1** Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one body.
 Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.
- 2** Come now, O God of love; make us one body.
 Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.
- 3** Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.
 Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.
- 4** Come, hope of unity; make us one body.
 Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.

Moment with Young Disciples

Steve Flynn

Third Lesson

**God’s People are Comforted
Ken Rigoulot**

**Isaiah 40:1-5,
Haggai 2:6-9**

Carol

“Christmas Joy”

Michael Helman

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Youth Bell Choir

Fourth Lesson

**Wise and Foolish Bridesmaids
Jason Terk**

Matthew 25:1-13

Carol

***“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”* arr. Andre Thomas**

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Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

**Offertory “Sing We Now of Christmas/God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”
arr. Brent Adams**

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Fred Mills – Alto Saxophone; Gia Choi – Piano

***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 on 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.

(*in this context, the word “catholic” means “universal”)

Fifth Lesson

*Prophets Reveal God's Promise
of a Righteous King and Foretell
the Glory of the Kingdom of God*
Makena Murimi

**Jeremiah 23:5-6;
Isaiah 35:5-6**

Carol

“Midwinter”

Bob Chilcott

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Sanctuary Choir

***Hymn 129 “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” Choir & Congregation**
Text: German Carol
Music: German Chorale, arr. Michael Praetorius

- v1 Lo, How a rose e’er blooming from tender stem hath sprung
of Jesse’s lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung.
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.**
- v2 Isaiah ‘twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God’s love aright she bore for us a Savior,
when half spent was the night.**
- v3 This flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
Enfleshed, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us
and lightens every load.**

Sixth Lesson *The Angel of the Lord* Matthew 1:18-25
Visits Joseph in a Dream
The Rev. Dr. Robert S. Crilley

***Carol “There is Faint Music” Dan Forrest**
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Sanctuary Choir

***Carol “Once In Royal David’s City” Text: C. F. Alexander**
Music: H. J. Gauntlett, harm. A. H. Mann, v6 arr. David Willcocks
Choir, Congregation vv. 5,6, Karen Trost, soprano

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- v1 Once in royal David’s city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.**
- v2 He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.**

- v3 And through all His wondrous childhood He would honor and obey,
Love, and watch the lowly maiden, in whose gentle arms He lay;
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as He.
- v4 For He is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us He grew;
He was little, weak and helpless, tears and smiles like us He knew;
And He feeleth for our sadness, and He shareth in our gladness.
- v5 And our eyes at last shall see Him, through His own redeeming love,
For that Child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;
And He leads His children on to the place where He is gone.
- v6 Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars His children crowned all in white shall wait around.

***Closing Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

***Benediction**

Postlude

**** Congregation Rise in Body or in Spirit***

The chancel flowers are given in celebration of Stephen and Lucia Shipley's 35th wedding anniversary.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Given In Memory

Blake Pumphrey	Paul Sexton
Blake Pumphrey	Mary Pumphrey
Barclay and Beth Doyle	our dear friend Rick Wilhelm
Joseph Czyz	Beloved wife Julia Czyz
Sarah Britt	Susan Noel
Catherine Stephenson	My husband Dude Stephenson
Barbara Rigoulot	Marie Rigoulot
Barbara Rigoulot	Mary Thomas
Fred Mills	My parents and Sister Marcia
Harry Bremer	Harry Bremer's parents
Harry Bremer	Charlene's Parents
Debby Patton	My parents Chuck and Bernice Buhlmann
Marlene Fink	David Fink
Steve and Teryl Flynn	Harold Reed and Tom & Coletta Flynn
Vicky Butler, Nick, Elissa,	
Colby & Ivy Gerber	My parents, Bob & Helen Maltby
Larry & Mary Lloyd Jamison	Our Parents
Melissa Liedkie	My Parents
Judy Helenberger	Dick Helenberger
Dan & Sally Wheeler	Durwood Wheeler
Carolyn Hinton	Tom & Edith Dennard, Aubrey Hinton
JoAnn Koch	Loved ones who have passed
Kathy Longo	Russ Leavens
Helen Smith	Dick Smith
Leslie & Ken Rigoulot	Jean Wegner
Tom & Cyndy Aschenbrenner	Our Parents Kay & Roy Taylor,
	Don & Dee Aschenbrenner
Heidi Robnett & Fenton Family	Richard Fenton
	James Robnett, Marcell Robnett
Kimberly Jones & family	Donald Mark Jones, Don & Lila Jones
	Ruth Ann & Rob Kataoka
Janet King	Stephen King
Suzanne Rowntree	Bill & Nell Chadwick
Lisa Lucky	Mother B
Lucia & Matt Kremzar	Matthew Douglas McCoy and Shane Taylor

Given In Honor

Elva & Jay Bass	Family and Friends
Judith & Bob Crilley	Thanksgiving for our family
Pamela Wheelock	Family
Robert Wheelock	Grandkids
Kathy Longo	Grandkids
Lori Bland	Grandkids
Ken & Kathy Price	Our family
Heidi Robnett & Fenton Family	Joan Fenton
Jennifer Synnes	Family and Friends
Cindy Dunklin	Celebrating family past & present
Laura Howe	Grandparents Ken and Rebecca Howe, Nancy and David Hurt, who offer us a lifetime of love and support
Laura Howe	Elise, Stephen and Rachel for the light and joy they bring to the world
Susan Green	Shelly Morey
Susan Green	Lisa Lucky

Calendar for Advent/Christmas 2025

Sunday, December 21, 4th Sunday of Advent 10:30 am Worship Service,
Joy Offering
(No Sunday School)

Wednesday, December 24, 7:00 pm Communion, traditional candlelight service

Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day – Church Office Closed thru January 4

Sunday, December 28, 1st Sunday of Christmas 10:30 am Worship (No Sunday School)

Sunday, January 4, 2nd Sunday of Christmas 10:30 am Worship Service, Communion,
undecorate the church following worship.

STAYING CONNECTED

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WAYS TO GIVE

In Christ, God has showered us with grace upon grace. In gratitude, we now give back to God through our tithes and offerings. Monetary offerings may be given electronically or in the offering plate. To make a contribution electronically, please scan the QR code below.



ATTENDANCE

- (1) Check in with a push of a button on your membership app.
- (2) Sign the friendship pad in the pew.
- (3) Scan the QR code below (on your mobile device) which will take you to a simple form



Upcoming Worship and Events Calendar

- Monday, December 15, 9:00 am Finance Committee
- Tuesday, December 16, 10:00 am Tuesday Study Group
- Tuesday, December 16, 7:00 pm Session Meeting
- Wednesday, December 17, 7:45 am Men's Fellowship Group
- Wednesday, December 17, 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, December 18, 1:00 pm Pastor Bob's Bible Class
- Thursday, December 18, 7:00 pm Prayer Group (Zoom)

Link to these and more by scanning the QR code using the camera on your mobile device or by checking your "Narthex News."

