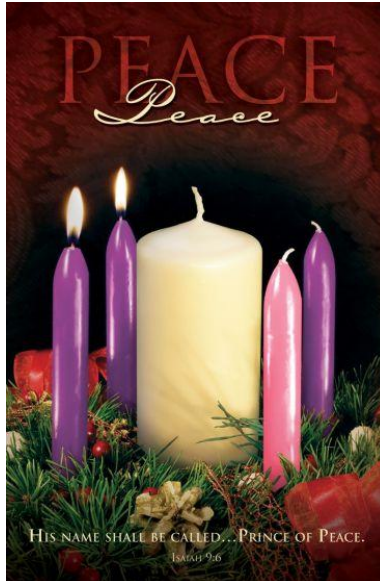


**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
GRAPEVINE  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 7, 2025**

**10:30 AM**



**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.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & GREETING

*The nursery is available for infants through pre-K. All children are invited, during worship, to the Pray Ground in the sanctuary and/or to use the activity bags available in the Narthex. We ask that parents sit in the area near the Pray Ground.*

*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.*

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

*One: Not with trumpets or marching drums, not with armies the Savior comes.*

**ALL: Again and again, the word of the angels is "Do not be afraid."**

*One: Not with shouting that wounds the ear, the Child comes to meet us here.*

**ALL: Then let us be comforted, for God is with us.**

*One: We are inspired to act as we light the candle of Hope. (light first candle)  
Confident that we are not alone, we light the candle of Peace. (light second candle)*

**ALL: May these elements of light help us to welcome the world's true Light, which darkness cannot overcome.**

\*HYMN 104      *“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”* VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

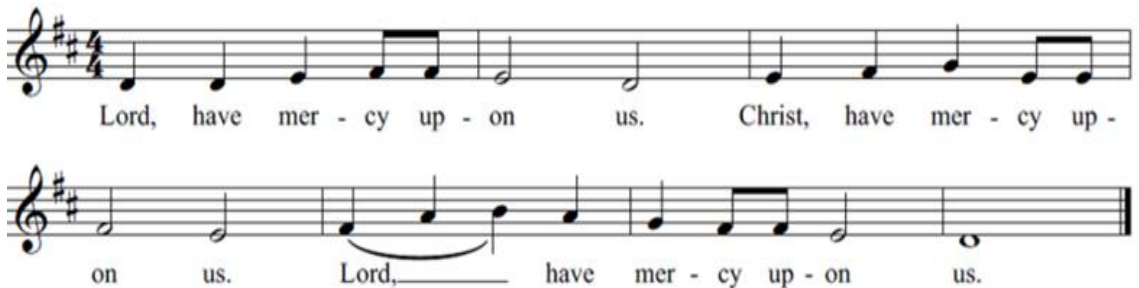
## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, we have had a week to live into the hope of another Advent. Did we do that, or did we pursue the ever-elusive promises of “never-before prices” to fill a void that can’t really be eliminated that way? Did we look for ways to give hope to people with little reason to hope? We know that accumulating “stuff” for ourselves can’t bring the inner peace that comes with sharing our wealth with those in need, but temptations are everywhere. Forgive our weakness and greed, we pray. Fill us with the confidence of the peace that comes with knowing you are with us, that we may better be your hands in the world.**

(silent prayer)

### KYRIE ELEISON



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## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*THE PEACE

### \*GLORIA (refrain from #1

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic\* Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(\*in this context, the word "catholic" means "universal")

**MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Ash Warren

**WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *"The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came"* Arr. T. A. Ohnesorge

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*The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as  
flame;  
"All hail to thee thou lowly maiden, Mary.  
Most highly favored lady." Gloria!*

*For know a blessed mother thou shalt be  
all generations laud and honor thee.  
Thy son shall be Immanuel, by seers  
foretold,  
Most highly favored lady." Gloria!*

*Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her  
head;  
"To me be as it pleases God," she said.  
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's  
holy name."  
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!*

*Of her, Immanuel, the Christ, was born  
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
and Christian folk throughout the world  
will ever say,  
"Most highly favored lady." Gloria!*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**FIRST READING**                      Isaiah 7:10-14

**SECOND READING**                  Luke 1:26-38

**SERMON**                              “God’s Favored One”      Rev. Dr. Robert S. Crilley

**HYMN 460**                      *“Break Thou the Bread of Life”*                  **BREAD OF LIFE**

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

*One: The Lord be with you.*

**ALL: And also with you.**

*One: Lift up your hearts.*

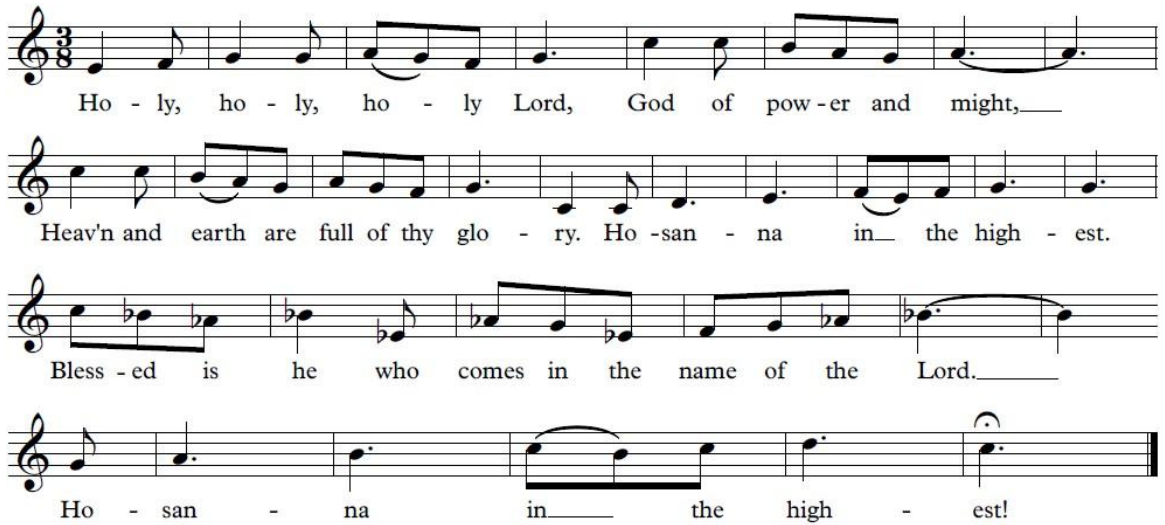
**ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.**

*One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**ALL: For it is right to give the Almighty both our thanks and praise.**

*One: Let us pray:*

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,\_\_\_\_

Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.\_\_\_\_

Ho - san - na in the high - est!

## 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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE WINE

*God is present in this sacrament in ways that remain a mystery to us. In this sacrament God connects us to one another beyond our understanding, location and time.*

*Communion of the People: **For in-person worshippers:** The outer ring is wine (red). All the inner rings are white grape juice (gluten free). Inside the pouch marked "Gluten Free" are gluten free crackers.*

**For remote worshippers:** Use your own cup and bread.

*Take and eat the bread as it is passed, symbolizing your personal need for God's mercy. Hold the cup until all have received it, and then drink together, symbolizing our unity in the body of Christ.*

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “Agnus Dei”

John Merbecke (1523–1585?)

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

## PRAYER OF CHRISTIAN UNITY

**Gracious God, we thank you for opening the table of your house and feeding us in this bread and wine. Having revealed your Son’s face to us in this sacrament, send us out from this congregation’s home in the power of your Spirit, our lives illuminated not only by candles, but by the light of your love. May we seek Jesus’ face in everyone we meet, and may our desire be to do your will, to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD

\*HYMN 119                      *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*                      MENDELSSOHN

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

\*Congregation rises in body or in spirit.

Thanks to Debby Patton for serving as liturgist.

Thanks to Jason Terk, Barbara Nunn, Bob Mitchell, and Jay Bass for lighting the second candle of PEACE.

## NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

**Theology 101 with Pastor Bob.** Why we are still getting the blame for something Adam and Eve did way back in the Garden of Eden? How can Jesus can be 100% human *and* 100% divine? (That's not even mathematically possible!) Will I go to hell for refusing to enter heaven? Come and discuss all the questions that kept getting Pastor Bob kicked out of Sunday School as a kid. Beginning Sunday, January 4, 2026, from 9 am-10 am in the big classroom upstairs. Nursery care will be available on a RSVP basis.

Please email Nancy Giles at [ngiles@fpcgv.org](mailto:ngiles@fpcgv.org) by noon on Thursday each week to request nursery care.

### **STAYING CONNECTED**

Facebook - [facebook.com/fpcgv/org](https://facebook.com/fpcgv/org)

Instagram - @FPCGV

WIFI: FPGV-GUEST Password – godslope

The Web – [fpcgv.org](https://fpcgv.org)

Twitter - @FPCGV

### 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.*



### 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**

- Sunday, December 7, 12:00 pm Youth Handbell Rehearsal
- Tuesday, December 9, 10:00 am Tuesday Study Group
- Tuesday, December 9, 6:00 pm Worship and Music Ministry (Zoom)
- Tuesday, December 9, 7:00 pm Visitor and Welcome Ministry (Zoom)
- Wednesday, December 10, 7:45 am Men's Fellowship Group
- Wednesday, December 10, 11:30 am All Ladies Lunch (Olive Garden)
- Wednesday, December 10, 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, December 11, 1:00 pm Pastor's Bible Class
- Thursday, December 11, 6:00 pm Preschool Christmas Pageant
- Thursday, December 11, 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, December 11, 7:00 pm Prayer Group (Zoom)
- Saturday, December 13, 10:30 am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday, December 13, 3:00 pm Memorial Service for Treva Hankins

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



***Ladies, please join us for lunch on  
Wednesday, December 10 at 11:30  
at Olive Garden Grapevine.  
Please RSVP to  
Debby [dcw549@gmail.com](mailto:dcw549@gmail.com)  
Or Marlynn [marspar@hotmail.com](mailto:marspar@hotmail.com)***

## ***Calendar for Advent and Christmas Worship***

***Sunday, December 7*** - 2nd Sunday of Advent

***Sunday, December 14*** - 3rd Sunday of Advent “A Service of Advent Lessons and Carols”

***Sunday, December 21*** - 4th Sunday of Advent, Joy Offering

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

***Sunday, December 28*** - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

***Sunday, January 4*** –

2nd Sunday of Christmas, Communion. Undecorate the Church after worship.

### ***A Service of Advent Lessons and Carols***

*The FPC Music Ministry invites you to join them on December 14th, at 10:30 a.m. for this special service celebrating the season of Advent. The service is inspired by the traditional Lessons & Carols service of King’s College Chapel at Cambridge University in England. Hear the Advent scriptures anew as they are illuminated with congregational carols and hymns and anthems new and old presented by the Carillon Handbell Choir, the Youth Handbells and the voices of the Sanctuary Choir. Don’t miss our 25<sup>th</sup> annual service of Lessons and Carols!*

### ***ADVENT ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE***

*Food Bags for GRACE* — Bring food items to the donation box outside the office to help those locally during the holiday season.

*Christmas Joy Offering* — By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor God’s gift of Jesus Christ by providing leadership development and education for communities of color at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

## ***POINSETTIA ORDERS***



*You may place your order for Christmas poinsettias by using the QR code below or by using a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.*

*Using the QR code below will allow you to both order and pay for your poinsettas.*



***WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10 IS THE LAST DAY TO PLACE YOUR POINSETTIA ORDER.***



# Christmas Giving Tree



Visit [giving.pchas.org](http://giving.pchas.org)  
to make a gift.



Your gift will provide necessary items and additional services for our children & families such as:

Toiletries for a child for a month.....	\$10	New Clothing .....	\$100
One school backpack.....	\$15	One week of food for a child.....	\$150
Food for a child for a day.....	\$20	One semester of college prep tutoring .....	\$250
Toys for a child .....	\$50	Six months of counseling.....	\$500
New bicycle.....	\$75	One month of daycare for a child .....	\$1,000

Thank you and merry Christmas **from our homes to yours!**



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