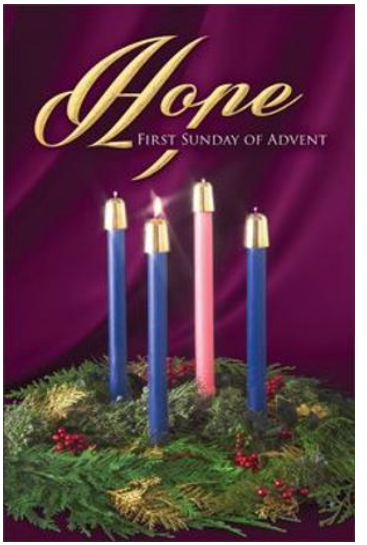
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GRAPEVINE

November 29, 2026 **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 chosen to worship with us today! So that we might begin to be in a Christian relationship with you, we encourage you to register your attendance (1) by using your phone to scan the QR code below and provide your email, phone number, and/or home address, or (2) by completing a Visitor's Card located on the back of the pew in front of you and placing it in the offering plate. Thank you - we look forward to seeing you again soon!

QR Code for visitors

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

ASSISTED HEARING: Assisted hearing devices are available in the Sanctuary so that you can receive a live feed from the sound board right from your smartphone. Simply download the "ListenWifi" app from the App Store or the Google Play Store (for iPhones and Android phones, respectively). For assistance, Evan Hinton will be at the sound board at the rear of the Sanctuary.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Today is the first Sunday of Advent, a season of anticipation, expectation and the opportunity to prepare.

ALL: Advent is the beginning of a new church year, and we look forward with Hope to the promises it brings.

One: We look to the Star, the Manger and the young mother with child with great Hope, for the Peace, the Joy and Love this gift will bring. (first candle is lit).

ALL: The first candle is the candle of Hope – the hope for the future that this world will find joy, peace and love.

One: Grant us, Lord, the wisdom to bring light into the darkness, hope to those who have lost hope, joy to the joyless, love to those who feel unloved and peace to this troubled world.

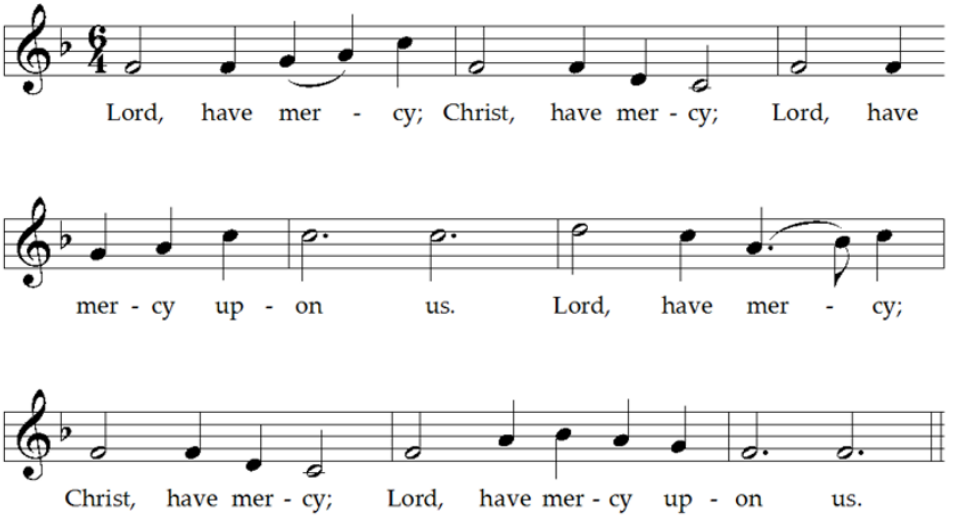
*HYMN 82 *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* HYFRYDOL

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We stand before you, Gracious God, at the beginning of a new church year; a time of new beginnings, a time of great anticipation. Grant us Lord, to use this opportunity to look deep within ourselves and purge out all those things that stand in our way of being the kind of people you want us to be. Help us to begin anew with hope, peace, joy and love in our hearts so that we may better bring Your message to this broken world.

(Silent Prayer)

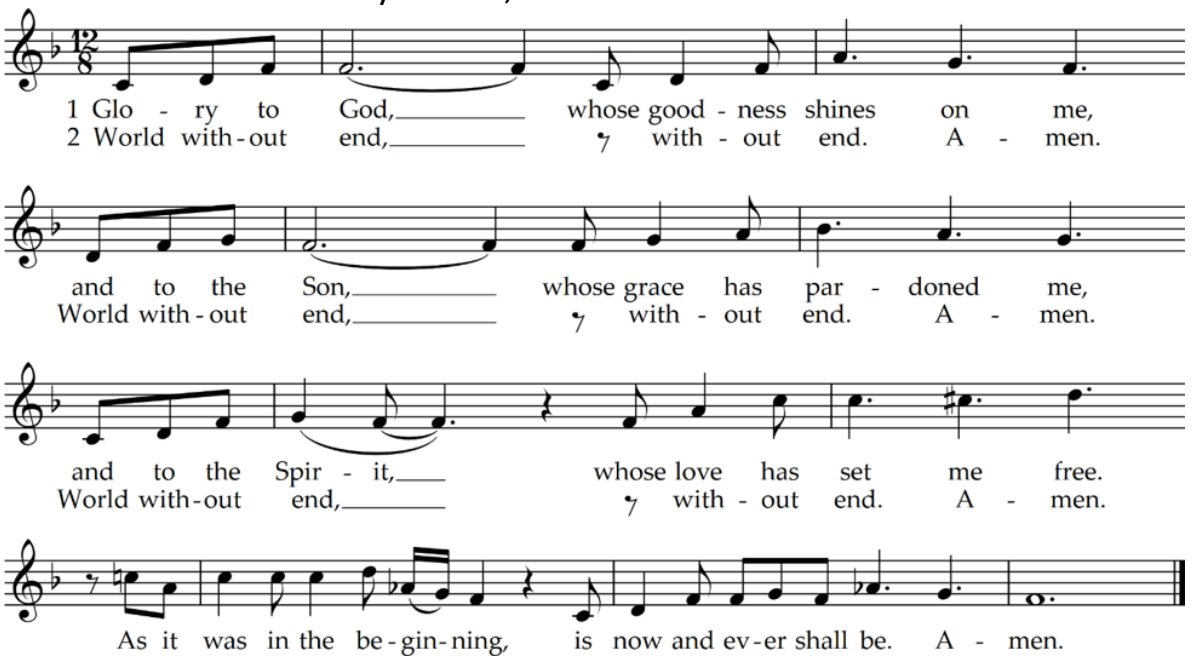
HYMN 551 *"Lord, Have Mercy"*



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE PEACE

*HYMN 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"



*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (A Declaration of Faith, 10.1)

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God kept his promises. All that we can ever hope for was the presence of Christ. But the work of God in Christ is not over. God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen. The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us. In Christ, God gives hope for a new heaven and earth, certainty of victory over death, assurance of mercy and judgment beyond our death. This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Eric Varnon

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.

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"Comfort and Peace"* Lloyd Larson
Sanctuary Choir

*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 Romans 8:18-25

SECOND READING Isaiah 40:1-11

SERMON "Hope" Rev. Dr. Robert S. Crilley

WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD

*HYMN 93 *"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"* TRURO

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Congregation rises in body or in spirit.

Thanks to Rick Walsh for serving as liturgist.

The Session has called a congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, December 6, 2026, for the purpose of acting upon a recommendation from the Nominating Committee to elect the following: (Elder, Class of 2029) Evan Hinton, Robert Wheelock, Nancylee Hadley, Debbie Thomas, and Leslie Miner; (Deacon, Class of 2029) Tanya Czyz, Ken Rigoulot, Stephen Shipley II, and Andy Fischer; (Deacon, filling 2-year unexpired term) Shelly Morey and Diana Davis.

POINSETTIA ORDERS



You may place your Christmas Poinsettia orders by following the link in the Narthex News or by completing a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. This is a lovely way to remember a friend or loved one or to say Thank You for your blessings.

Poinsettias are $15.00 each. By using the QR code below you can both order pay pay for your poinsettias.

Scan here



It's TONIGHT! 4:30 – 6:00 PM
Rooms 236/237

STAYING CONNECTED

Facebook - facebook.com/fpcgv The Web – fpcgv.org
Instagram - @FPCGV X (Twitter)-@FPCGV

WIFI: FPGV-GUEST Password – godslove

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 in the offering plate or electronically by scanning the QR code below.

ATTENDANCE

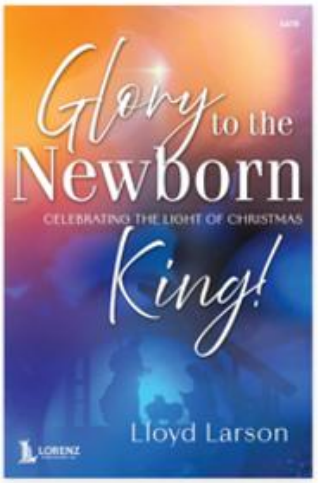
(1) Check in with a push of a button on your membership app.
(2) Sign the friendship pad in the pew.
(3) Scan the QR code below (on your mobile device) which will take you to a simple form.

Upcoming Worship and Events Calendar

- Sunday, November 29, 4:30 – 6:00 pm GAME NIGHT
- Tuesday, December 1, 10:00 am Tuesday Book Club
- Tuesday, December 1, 7:00 pm Admin/Personnel Ministry (Zoom)
- Wednesday, December 2, 7:00 pm Christian Formation Ministry (Zoom)
- Wednesday, December 2, 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, December 3, 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- Thursday, December 3, 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."

If YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING THE NARTHEX NEWS, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AND LET US KNOW. 817-481-7129



On Sunday, December 13, during the 10:30 worship service the Sanctuary Choir will present the Christmas cantata "Glory to the Newborn King!" This cantata by Lloyd Larson explores the true light of Christmas through narrations, ageless carols and original compositions.

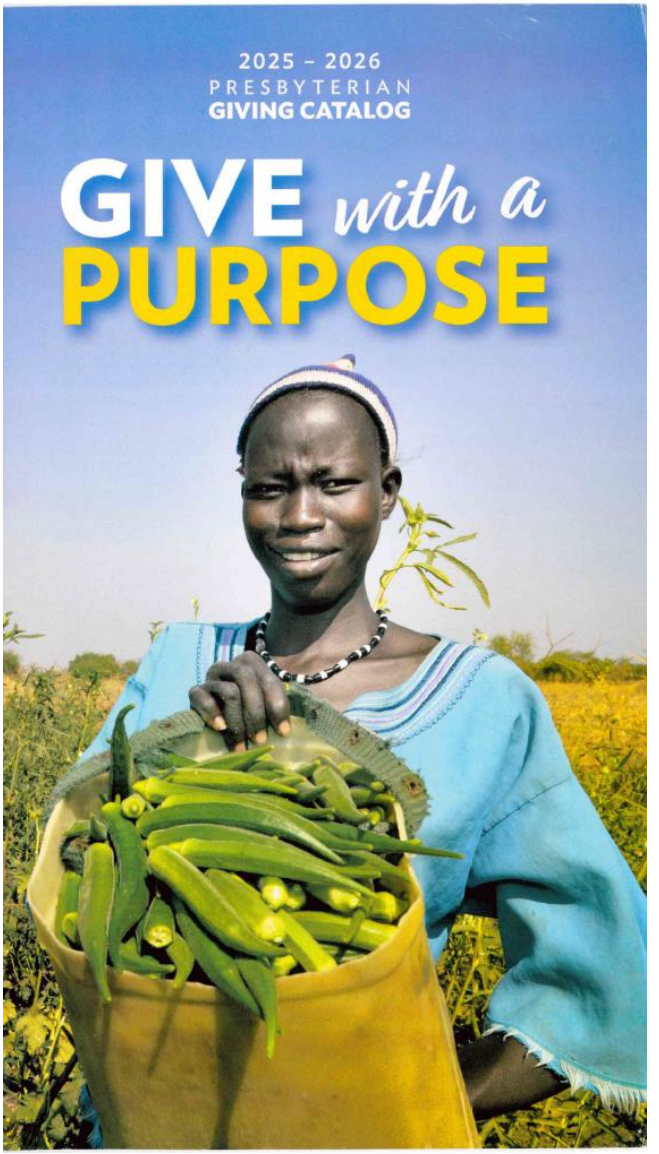
THE VOICES OF FORT WORTH

The Voices of Fort Worth, of which Sawyer Lowe is a member, will present a concert in the sanctuary on Sunday afternoon, December 20, at 4:00 pm. This group won Gold at the World Choir Games in Sweden this past summer. A portion of the ticket cost will be contributed back to the church

Scan for Tickets

$25.00 Adults
$15.00 Students

This Christmas “GIVE with a PURPOSE” and make a difference that lasts. Grab a Presbyterian Giving Catalog from the table in the Narthex, and find the perfect gift to give in honor of your loved one. The varied gifts help provide clean water, end hunger, sustain communities and support education. Give a gift that transforms lives. No wrapping required.



This year GRACE expects a larger than usual need for assistance at Christmas. Please continue to donate the items listed below. You may leave your gifts in the GRACE cabinet in the main floor lobby.



GRACE



Holiday Season Food Drive Needs

Thanks to your generous support, GRACE Food Pantry was able to provide more than 1,100 meals to families in need last year. The estimated value of each basket is $100.

Shopping List

- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Corn
- Instant Potatoes
- Cranberry Sauce
- Canned Chicken Broth
- Canned Mushroom Soup (10.5oz)
- Sugar (2 or 5lb)
- Flour (2 or 4lb)
- Evaporated Milk
- Instant or Canned Gravy (Please no glass jars)
- Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Boxed Macaroni & Cheese
- French Fried Onions (6oz)
- Jello (1 box)
- Canned Green Beans
- Rice (1lb, bagged)
- Cooking Oil (16oz to 24oz)

Please drop off your donated items at the GRACE Food Pantry before 11/23/2026 for Thanksgiving and 12/16/2026 for Christmas.

Drop Off Location:
837 East Walnut Street
Grapevine, Texas 76051

Operating Hours:
Monday - Friday
9am - 5pm

Contact:
Kyle Buchanan, Pantry Manager
kbuchanan@GRACEGrapevine.org | 817.305.4677

The GRACE Client Choice Food Pantry provides perishable and non-perishable food to individuals and families in need. The Food Pantry utilizes a voucher system for GRACE clients to select the food items that meet the cultural and dietary needs of their households.

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