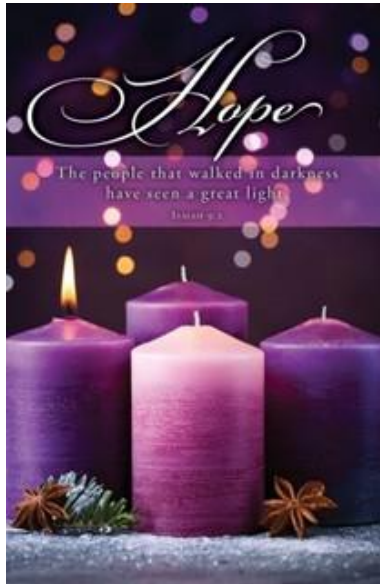


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GRAPEVINE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 30, 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: Today is the first Sunday of Advent, a season of expectation and Hope.

ALL: Advent marks the beginning of a new church year and we look forward with Hope.

One: The long-awaited Jesus, the promised Messiah, is coming into this dark world to bring light and Hope.

ALL: The first candle is the candle of Hope. As we reflect on the ways and whys of our Hope, instill in us, Lord, a joy that knows no bounds.

One: Grant us, Lord, the wisdom to bring light into the dark, justice and peace into the world, and joy at the great gift we will experience.

(The first candle is lit)

One: We light the candle of HOPE and give thanks for the Hope this new season brings. Help us to shine the light of HOPE into the dark corners, the war-torn areas, the back streets where people struggle to stay alive, and to those who are bound for whatever reason by addiction and anger.

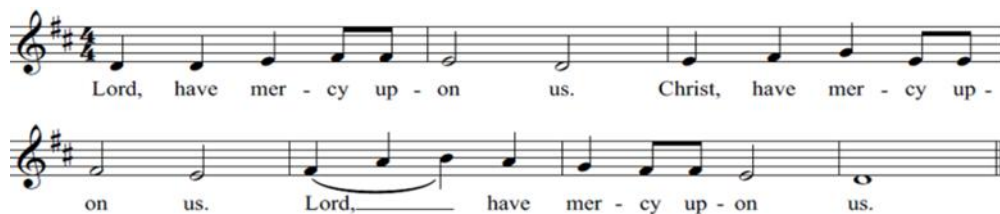
*HYMN 82 *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*
HYFRYDOL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, as we enter this season of anticipation, help us to put aside our prejudices, fears of failure, and the injustices we often commit without thinking. Forgive us our wrongdoings and guide us as we go forward toward the light that comes from your love and presence in our lives.

(silent prayer)



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KYRIE ELEISON

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***THE PEACE**

***GLORIA (refrain from #113)**

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

***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”)

MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Ken Rigoulot

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

*"Of the Father's Love
Begotten"*

Larry Shackley

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Sanctuary Choir

Of the Father's love begotten,
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that
have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessed,

O ye heights of heaven
adore Him;
Angel hosts, His praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow
before Him,
And extol our God and King!
Let no tongue on earth be
silent,
Every voice in concert sing,
Evermore and evermore!

When the Virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bare the Savior of our race;
And the Babe, the world's
Redeemer,
First revealed His sacred face,
Evermore and evermore!

This is he who seers and
ages
sang of old with one
accord;
whom the writing of the
prophets
promised in their faithful
word.
Now he shines, the long
expected,
let creation praise its Lord,
Evermore and evermore!

*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 2:1-5

SECOND READING

Luke 1:5-25

SERMON

“Zechariah and
Elizabeth” 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 Heidi Robnett for serving as liturgist.

Thanks to Leslie Miner for lighting the first candle of
HOPE.

STAYING CONNECTED

Facebook - facebook.com/fpcgv/

The Web – fpcgv.org

Instagram - @FPCGV

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WAYS TO GIVE

In Christ, God has showered
us with grace upon grace.
In gratitude, we now give

ATTENDANCE

(1) Check in with a push
of a button on your
membership app.

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.



(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

- Tuesday, December 2, 10:00 am Tuesday Study Group
- Tuesday, December 2, 7:00 pm Admin/Personnel Meeting (Zoom)
- Wednesday, December 3, 7:45 am Men's Bible Study
- Wednesday, December 3, 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, December 5, 1:00 pm Pastor Bob's Bible Class

- Thursday, December 5, 6:00 pm Adult Handbell Rehearsal
- Thursday, December 5, 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.”

Calendar for Advent/Christmas 2025

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 p.m. Communion, traditional candlelight service.

Sunday, December 28 - First Sunday of Christmas.

Sunday, January 4 - Second 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 25th 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 assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders 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 poinsettias.





Christmas Giving Tree



Visit 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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