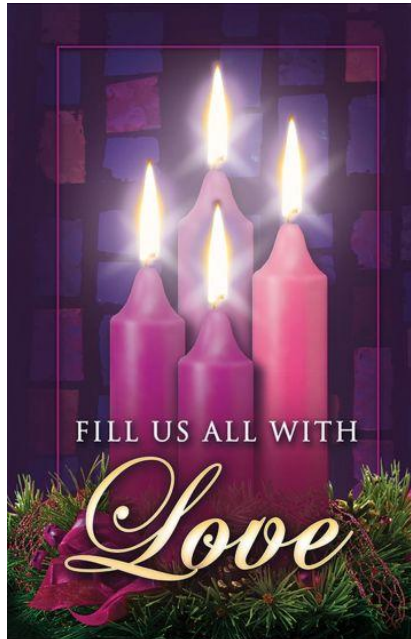


**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GRAPEVINE
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 21, 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

“Angels From the Realms of Glory”

arr. Andy Clark

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Wind Ensemble

Nancylee Hadley, Leah Wegner – Flute; Nia Murimi – Oboe; Makena Murimi – Clarinet;
Fred Mills – Soprano Sax; Stephen Howe, El Szendrey – Trombone; Barb Carroll – Cello;
Pastor Bob – Tuba; Carol Bice – Keyboard

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

Those lighting the candles this week are Ben, Sarah and Charlie Noel.

One: In this Advent season, watch and wait for Christ's coming! We light candles remembering God's promises to us. We light this candle in HOPE. (The first candle is lit.) We light this candle for PEACE. (The second candle is lit.) We light this candle in JOY! (The third, pink candle, is lit.)

ALL: And today, with Mary and Joseph, we choose to wait, watch, and listen for the way of Love instead of responding in fear to the world's judgment.

*One: Today, we come face to face with the scandal of Advent: Mary, the unmarried mother; God Incarnate growing in Mary's womb as a vulnerable baby; Joseph contemplating leaving Mary because of her pregnancy; God's Love at work in ways that society and propriety could not understand; God calling Mary and Joseph to faithfulness despite the fear of disgrace.
(The fourth candle is lit.)*

ALL: Today, we light the candle of LOVE as a sign of God's love at work and of our faithfulness as we seek to find, and to follow Emmanuel, God with us. In the light of these promises, let us worship God!

*HYMN 110

"Love Has Come"

BRING A TORCH

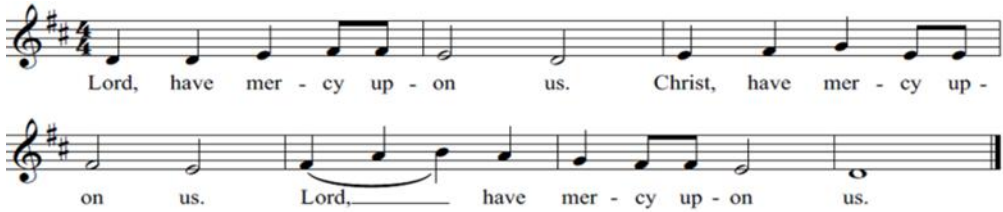
CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, every year we anticipate your coming but still do not feel ready. We have done too much, and not done enough. We have focused too much on ourselves, and not enough on others. Restore us, O God; let your love shine, that we might be saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray.

(Silent Prayer)

KYRIE ELEISON



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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE PEACE

*GLORIA (refrain from #113)

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.19

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus.

**His faith and obedience were the response
of the perfect child of God.**

**He was the fulfillment
of God's promise to Israel,
the beginning of the new creation,
and the pioneer of the new humanity.
He gave history its meaning and direction
and called the church to be his servant
for the reconciliation of the world. Amen.**

MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

The Howe Family

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

"The Gift of Love"

Hal Hopson

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Sanctuary Choir

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire
And have not love, my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship, and are freed.

*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 9:2-7

SECOND READING

Matthew 1:18-25

SERMON

"Change of Plans"

Rev. Dr. Robert S. Crilley

WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD

*HYMN 123

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

CAROL

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Congregation rises in body or in spirit.

Thanks to Jason Terk for serving as liturgist.

Call to Worship and Advent Candle Wreath Lighting and Affirmation of Faith adapted from, <https://calltoworshipjournal.org/december-21-2025-fourth-sunday-of-advent/>.

Prayer of Confession adapted from, <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/toda-la-tierra-espera-advent-candle-lighting-liturgy-2025>.

Calendar for Advent/Christmas 2025

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.

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

- Wednesday, December 24, 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service
- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 25 – JANUARY 4, 2026

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

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Given In Memory

Blake Pumphrey
Blake Pumphrey
Barclay and Beth Doyle
Joseph Czyz
Sarah Britt
Catherine Stephenson

Paul Sexton
Mary Pumphrey
our dear friend Rick Wilhelm
Beloved wife Julia Czyz
Susan Noel
My husband Dude Stephenson

Barbara Rigoulot
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Fred Mills
Harry Bremer
Harry Bremer
Debby Patton
Marlene Fink
Steve and Teryl Flynn
Vicky Butler, Nick, Elissa,
Colin & Ivy Gerber
Larry & Mary Lloyd Jamison
Melissa Liedkie
Judy Helenberger
Dan & Sally Wheeler
Carolyn Hinton
JoAnn Koch
Kathy Longo
Helen Smith
Leslie & Ken Rigoulot
Tom & Cyndy Aschenbrenner

Heidi Robnett & Fenton Family

Kimberly Jones & family

Janet King
Suzanne Rowntree
Lisa Lucky
Lucia & Matt Kremzar

Marie Rigoulot
Mary Thomas
My parents and Sister Marcia
Harry's parents
Charlene's Parents
My parents Chuck and Bernice Buhlmann
David Fink
Harold Reed and Tom & Coletta Flynn

My parents, Bob & Helen Maltby
Our parents
My parents
Dick Helenberger
Durwood Wheeler
Tom & Edith Dennard, Aubrey Hinton
Loved ones who have passed
Russ Leavens
Dick Smith
Jean Wegner
Our Parents Kay & Roy Taylor,
Don & Dee Aschenbrenner
Richard Fenton
James Robnett, Marcell Robnett
Donald Mark Jones, Don & Lila Jones
Ruth Ann & Rob Kataoka
Stephen King
Bill & Nell Chadwick
Mother B
Matthew Douglas McCoy and Shane Taylor

Given In Honor

Elva & Jay Bass
Judith & Bob Crilley
Pamela Wheelock
Robert Wheelock
Kathy Longo
Lori Bland
Ken & Kathy Price
Heidi Robnett & Fenton Family
Jennifer Synnes
Cindy Dunklin
Laura Howe

Laura Howe
Susan Green
Susan Green

Family and friends
Thanksgiving for our family
Family
Grandkids
Grandkids
Grandkids
Our family
Joan Fenton
Family and Friends
Celebrating family past & present
Grandparents Ken and Rebecca Howe, Nancy and David Hurt, who offer us a lifetime of love
and support
Elise, Stephen and Rachel for the light and joy they bring to the world
Shelly Morey
Lisa Lucky