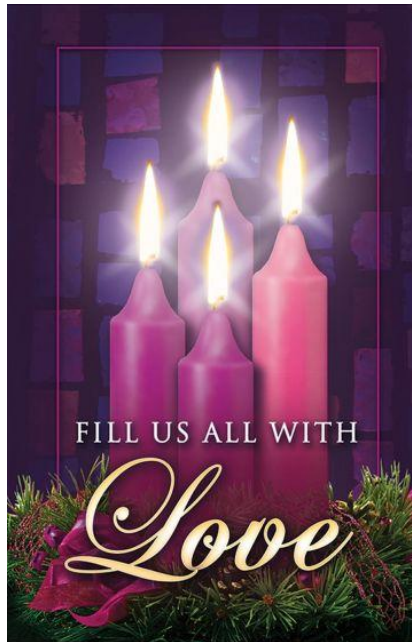


**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GRAPEVINE
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

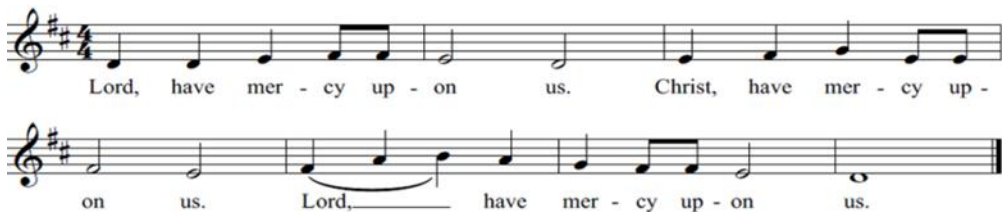
CALL TO CONFESSION

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



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
S. Crilley

“Change of Plans” Rev. Dr. Robert

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-liturgya-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

ATTENDANCE

- (1) Check in with a push of a button on your membership app.
- (2) Sign the friendship pad in the pew.

in the offering plate. To make a contribution electronically, please scan the QR code below.



(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

Paul Sexton
Mary Pumphrey
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'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,		
Colin & 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	