

ORDER OF WORSHIP

1st Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

Eleven O'Clock

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Pat Nash

PRELUDE:

CHIMING THE HOUR

GREETINGS Psalm 118 says: **This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.**

Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the the Assurance of Pardon

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsively)

Leader: **Something wonderful is about to happen,**

People: **We wait for the birth of a child.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** God who has known us from the womb, who knows all things, we come into Your presence with joy. We look toward the coming of the Christ child with the eyes of one who anticipates the advent of salvation. Grant us the joy of the Advent season, not just at Advent, but throughout the whole year. Amen.

Our first Hymn today is Hymn # 93, "Lift up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates". During this first Hymn you may come up and put your Chrismon's on the tree.

***HYMN** No. 93 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" TRURO

***CALL TO CONFESSION** If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

Let us pray together

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, be with us as we confess our sins and failings. Hear our ardent prayers. We know we have fallen short of Your call on our lives. We sinned against You and others in thought, word, and deed. Though we try to be faithful to Your commands, we find it hard in our confusing, divided world. We struggle to love our enemies when we are told to hate those who aren't like us, to turn away the immigrant, and view those who we oppose as less than human. Forgive us as we struggle with our sin and give us clarity of purpose as we face an uncertain world. (Say – “Please pray silently,” and after about 20 seconds, say, Amen) Amen

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

You may be seated. Now would Ivan and Heidi please come forward as the congregation sings verse 1 of your insert

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Ivan and Heidi Yuhanna

Congregation sings vs. 1 of insert

A TIME FOR YOUTH Would our youth please come forward.

Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Open our ears that we may hear the voice of God in the spoken word. Give us the hearts to understand and act on all that is spoken here today. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 122 please read it responsively with me.

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

People: Our feet are standing within Your gates, O Jerusalem.

Leader: Jerusalem built as a city that is bound firmly together.

People: To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

Leader: For there are the thrones of judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

People: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls and security within your towers.”

Leader: For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, “Peace be within you.”

People: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Matthew 24:36-44 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 27-28 of the New Testament
Matthew 24:36-44

"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 24:38 For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The choir will now sing the Anthem:

ANTHEM:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Isaiah 2:1-5, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 631-632 of the Old Testament
Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:

***HYMN** No. 82 *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* HYFRYDOL

Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.

***AFFIRMATION** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

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.

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581 *"Glory Be to the Father"* GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end, Amen, amen.

You may be seated, and now I would like to bring you a Minute for Mission

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Pat Nash

ANNOUNCEMENTS It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

OFFERTORY:

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Lord of the harvest and of the famine, hear our prayer of joyous thanksgiving. You have given us more than we need. Even when things seem hard, You are there. In the safety of Your love we live secure knowing that someday we will eat at Your banquet with You. Amen.

Our last Hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 363 *“Rejoice, the Lord is King!”* DARWALL’S 148TH

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 88 *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”* VENI EMMANUEL
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:**

***Those who are able may stand.**

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FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY – 10:30 AM Tuesday morning group

THURSDAY – 10:00 AM Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY – 2ND Sunday of Advent

10:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

There will be a Celebration of Life Service for Lorrinda Alexander on December 6th @ 1:00 pm in the sanctuary. I think the sanctuary will be standing room only, so I suggest you try to get here early if you're going to come.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON/COOKIE EXCHANGE

There will be holiday luncheon/cookie exchange on December 14 following the Worship service. Please notify Ivan and Heidi Yuhanna about what dishes/food you plan to bring as soon as possible.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING AND ANGEL TREE

As we normally do, we will be collecting donations for our annual **Christmas Joy Offering** on Sunday, December 21st. Please note on your checks or giving envelopes the phrase "Joy Gift." These gifts that we send to Grace Presbytery are shared equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage.

Also on December 21st, we will be accepting donations for the **Angel Tree** (located on the tables in the Opportunity Corner). These donations will go toward purchasing items from the Presbyterian Giving Catalog (samples of which are also on the tables). We normally like to use the funds for buying chickens and water projects, as those seem to be the most useful. Again, please note on your check or giving envelope the phrase "Angel Tree."

Thank you in advance for your generosity in fulfilling God's direction to provide for the hungry and for those needing assistance.

POINSETTIA SIGN-UP SHEET

Ordering poinsettia's: the congregation may contribute \$10 for each poinsettia, deadline to sign-up is December 14th. Poinsettia's will be ordered and picked up by Pat and will be placed out on December 18th. You may take yours home after the service on December 24th but no later than January 4th. Any plants left after January 4th will be thrown away.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

We will be having our traditional Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Lessons on December 24th @ 6:00 pm.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Jim Glander

Martha Brashear – continued prayers

The church and nation of Ukraine

DeSoto Food Pantry

Chikezie is very weak

Christians in Pakistan

Joan Christy – continued prayers

Mirielle said the election went well, but the current leader refuses to leave office, so please continue to pray for Cameroon

Please pray for Pat Nash as she is undergoing medical tests

Jessica Zinn's step mother is having knee surgery

Travel mercies for Tiffany and Michelle Kalu

Cori's great uncle's wife passed away

Bill's mom, Delores Gast, had a heart attack and a stroke

CELEBRATIONS

Jessica Zinn became a new member of our church

Cori's mother-in-law is back at work

Joe thanks God for the life of Lorrinda