

# VERNAL

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the *Evangelical Presbyterian Church*

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LORD'S DAY SERVICE  
DECEMBER 14, 2025

### Lighting the Advent Candle

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*God Calls Us*

#### \*Call to Worship

*Luke 2:8-14*

<sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

<sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.

<sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

<sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

<sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

#### \*Invocation

##### The Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

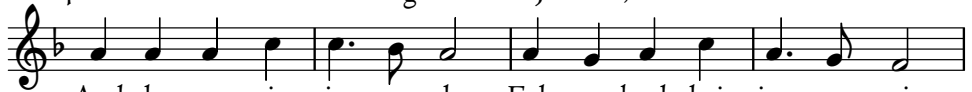
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**\*Hymn***Angels We Have Heard on High*

ADESTE FIDELES



1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains;
2. Shepherds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem, and see Him who birth the an - gels sing;
4. See with - in a man - ger laid Je - sus, Lord of heav'n and earth!



And the mountains in re - ply, Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
 Say what may the tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.  
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, With us sing our Sav - ior's birth.



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*God Cleanses Us*

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**Reading of the Law***Matthew 22:37-40***Prayer of Confession & Supplication**

Almighty, everlasting God and Father, we confess and acknowledge to You that we were conceived in unrighteousness, and are full of sin and transgression in all our life, as those who do not perfectly believe Your Word nor follow Your holy commandments. We implore You, remember Your goodness and for Your name's sake be gracious to us and forgive us our wrongdoing, which indeed is great. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon***Hebrews 7:25***\*Hymn #376 (vv. 1 & 4)** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*


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*God Consecrates Us*

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**Scripture Reading***Isaiah 40:1-11***Children's Word****Anthem***Emmanuel*

Choir

**Sermon**

Rev. Ron Pierce

**Prayer of Intercession**

## **\*Confession of Faith**

## *The Apostles' Creed*

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.

## **\*Gloria Patri #436**

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## **Offertory**

## **\*Doxology #434**

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## **\*Offertory Prayer**

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### *God Commissions Us*

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## **\*Hymn #369**

*The First Noel*

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## **\*Benediction**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

## **\*Departure Hymn**

*Shalom to You*

SOMOS DEL SENOR

*Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.  
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving,  
Christ be your shalom; Christ be your shalom.*



*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

## **Announcements**

**Presbyterian Women** meet Wednesday, December 17th, at 4 PM.

**Christmas Program** will be Sunday, December 21st, at 5 PM. The final two rehearsals are tonight and Wednesday at 6 PM.

**Choir** meets Thursday at 4 PM. Bible Study will not meet during the month of December.

## **Prayer List**

Jeff Allen, Nancy Brown, Mamie Raines, Karen Allen, Logan Brewer,  
Larry Owens, Julianne Allgood, Annie Ruth Thigpen,  
Elaine Gabel, Donna Pederson, Leighton Wilson,  
Donna McIntosh, Gail Stuck

## **Upcoming Birthdays**

Annley Newman (Dec. 15), Reid Roberson (Dec. 27),  
Doug Miller (Dec. 31)

## **Session of Elders**

Jeff Allen            Jennifer Fortenberry  
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