

# VERNAL

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the *Evangelical Presbyterian Church*

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LORD'S DAY SERVICE  
DECEMBER 21, 2025

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Advent Candle

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*God Calls Us*

**\*Call to Worship**

*Luke 1:46-55*

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup>for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; <sup>49</sup>for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup>And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

<sup>52</sup>he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; <sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

<sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup>as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

**\*Invocation**

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

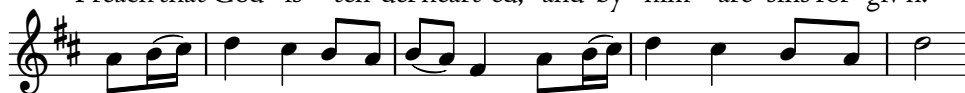
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,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



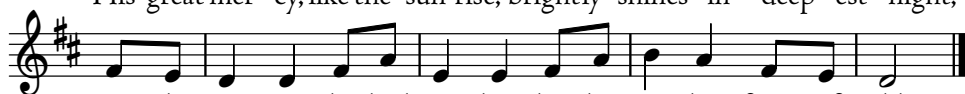
1. Blest be God, the Lord of Is-rael; he has come to set us free!
2. God has come in might to save us from the ha-tred of our foes.
3. God has sworn to grant de-liv'rance and re-store us to our place;
4. Bring the knowledge of sal-va-tion to God's peo-ple in their sin.



And a horn of full sal-va-tion he has raised from David's seed.  
 From their cru-el hand he frees us, and his ten-der mer-cy shows  
 serv-ing bold-ly in his pres-ence, just and ho-ly all our days.  
 Preach that God is ten-der-heart-ed, and by him are sins for-giv'n.



God has vis-it-ed his peo-ple to re-deem them as fore-told  
 mer-cy prom-ised in his cov'nant to our fa-thers whom he chose.  
 You, my child, will be his Prophet, called and sent by God Most High.  
 His great mer-cy, like the sun-rise, brightly shines in deep-est night,



in the pro-mise he had spo-ken thro' his prophets from of old.  
 He will keep his oath to A-br'am to re-lease us from our woes.  
 You must go be-fore the Lord now to pre-pare his ways a-right.  
 guid-ing those who sit in dark-ness to the way of peace and light.

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*God Cleanses Us*

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### Reading of the Law

*Romans 12:9-21*

### 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

*James 4:10*

### \*Psalm 51:I-II

*God, Be Merciful to Me*

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*God Consecrates Us*

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**Scripture Reading**

*John 8:12-20*

**Children's Word**

**Hymn #375**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

**Sermon Scripture**

*Matthew 1:1-17*

**Sermon**

*Who is Jesus?*

Rev. Reid Roberson

**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 #374**

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

**\*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**

**Christmas Program** will be **tonight at 5 PM**. A light fellowship meal will follow.

**Choir & Bible Study** will **not** meet this week. We will resume the week of January 4th.

## **Prayer List**

Jeff Allen, Sandy James, 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**

Reid Roberson (Dec. 27), Doug Miller (Dec. 31),  
Madeleine Roberson (Jan. 19)

## **Session of Elders**

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