

# First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2025

Preservice Music: *O Sanctissima* (F.Lux)

Boyd Thomas

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Announcements

Sandi Lefebvre

Momen for Mission

Scott Lewellyn

Prelude: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Ralph Kramer

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: *The Joy Candle*

The Light Enters

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

**Like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly  
and rejoice with joy and singing.**

Jesus says: *I am coming soon.* (Rev. 22:20)

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

Congregational Response: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Prayer for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent

\*Processional Hymn: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*

No. 271

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

## Lessons and Carols

The Bidding Prayer / Lord's Prayer

### FIRST LESSON

Athena Donnelly, Reader: Genesis 3:8-15

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*  
(No. 244 - Congregation)

### SECOND LESSON

Nora Beaster, Reader: Genesis 22:15-18

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
(J. Rutter)

### THIRD LESSON

Aksel Hutchinson, Reader: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

*The Holly and the Ivy*  
(Shaw-Parker)

### FOURTH LESSON

Archer Koprowski, Reader: Micah 5:2-4

*Away in a Manger*  
(J. Spilman-Sjolund)

Lorna March, Josh March; Theresa Ozzello, flute

**The Offering:** *The Heavenly Star* (D. Eliot)

Offertory: Boyd Thomas

### FIFTH LESSON

Persephone Donnelly, Reader: Luke 1:26-38

*God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*  
(G. Martin)

### SIXTH LESSON

Forest Koprowski, Reader: Luke 2:1-7

*Mary Rocked the Little Baby*  
(Price/Besig)

### SEVENTH LESSON

Samson Hutchinson, Reader: Luke 2:8-16

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*  
(H. Hopson)

(No. 277 vs. 1, 3 - Congregation)

### EIGHTH LESSON

Logan Smith, Reader: Matthew 2:1-11

*For Unto Us a Child Is Born*  
(P. Drennan)

### NINTH LESSON

Noah Carlson, Reader: John 1:1-14

*\*Joy to the World*  
(No. 270 - Congregation)

\*Benediction

\*Response:

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

\*Postlude: *The Heavens Rejoice!* (T. Kendall) Boyd Thomas

\*Those who are able, please stand.

### **CHURCH NOTES**

**Monday:** 5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru only*)

**Tuesday:** 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry

**Wednesday:** No Reflections or Youth Programs  
6:30p.m. Adult Choir

**Thursday:** 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That

**Saturday:** 9:00a.m. Kid's Christmas Program Rehearsal

**NEXT Sunday:** **10:00a.m. Worship**

### **Worship Time Change NEXT Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00a.m.**

Due to the Children's Christmas Program, worship next Sunday will begin at **10:00a.m.** Afterward a **cookie reception** will follow in Fellowship Hall. If you can make cookies for that, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fireside Room.

**We thank the Choir**, under the direction of John Allard and accompanied by Crystal Hogan, for their presentation of *Lessons and Carols* today. And thank you to **Sandi Lefebvre** for filling the pulpit while Pastor Bob is away.

**Pans with the recipe for the Cranberry Christmas Cake**  
are on the table in the Fireside Room. We need 6 more!

### **We still need ushers for Christmas Eve at 7:00p.m.**

Call the office to volunteer.

**Prayer Concerns:** Jon LaCourt, Bob Werner, Dean Wright, Nora Lundy, Charlie Novara, Floyd Kucharski, Chris Hanley, Geri Anderson, Scott Doda, Phil Peterson, Kathy Eavenson, Bonnie Hyde, Anne Starr, Joy Palzewic, Mary Rushford; the family of Doug Edlund (*father of Kathy Doda*); the PNC; missionaries, Sam and Cayla

**Ushers:** Dale Gustafson, Whitey Langlois, Louise Swope, Mary Swope