

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

3RD 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 3rd 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 21st, 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