

# First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 7, 2025

Preservice Music

Boyd Thomas

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

Announcements

Prelude: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Ralph Kramer

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: *The Peace Candle*

The Light Enters

When the Lord comes, the wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
**the calf and the lion and the fatling will lie down together,  
and a little child shall lead them.**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent

Praise Medley

Insert

Prayer of Confession: **Lord God, in the lighting of the Advent wreath this morning, we are shown the image of the wolf and the lamb living together in harmony, the leopard and the young goat lying together peacefully. Lord, we must admit we have a hard time believing that will ever become a reality. But, what may be even harder to believe is that we will be willing to get along with everyone, even our own family; that we will seek to love our enemies and pray for those who disrupt our lives; that we will ever forgive someone who has deeply hurt us. Yes,**

**Lord, that is even more unrealistic than the lion and the calf being side by side in peace.**

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

*(silence for reflection and personal confession)*

Response:

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend on us, we pray.  
Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell.  
O come to us, abide with us our Lord, Emmanuel.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Dearly beloved, hear and believe the Good News of the gospel,  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen. Alleluia!**

\*Gloria Patri: **Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen. Amen.**

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Time with Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Text: Isaiah 11:1-10

Pg. 575, Pew Bible

Sermon: *Shalom*

\*Hymn: *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

No. 267

\*Affirmation of Faith: *Romans 15:4-6* (adapted from *The Message*)

**Jesus didn't make it easy for Himself by avoiding people's troubles but waded right in and helped out. God wants the combination of His steady, constant calling and warm, personal counsel in Scripture to come to characterize *us*, keeping us alert for whatever He will do next. May our dependably steady and warmly personal God develop maturity in us so that we get along with each other as well as Jesus gets along with us all. Then we'll be a choir – not our voices only, but our very lives singing in harmony in a stunning anthem to the God and Father of our Master Jesus!**

The Offering

Choral Anthem: *Let us Break Bread* (R. Artman)

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Chorus to: *Angels We Have Heard on High*

**Glo - - - -ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o**

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You are holy, O God of majesty...

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine...

INTERCESSIONS / PRAYER CONCERNS:

Jon LaCourt, Bob Werner, Bill Stanek, 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 PNC; missionaries, Sam and Cayla

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*(Communion will be received by intinction in which the bread you receive will then be dipped in the cup and partaken of.)*

\*Hymn: *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Praise Team Reprise: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

\*Postlude

\*Those who are able, please stand.

### CHURCH NOTES

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1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry  
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3:30p.m. Young Disciples 4yrs. – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
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I will love You,	(I will love You)
All of my days,	(All of my days)

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You are Lord of lords, You are King of kings,  
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You're the Prince of peace who is the Lamb,  
You're the living God, You're my saving grace,  
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You are Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End,  
You're my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer and Friend.  
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### Verse:

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