

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Proclamation on Wachet Auf*

A. D. Miller

Prayer of Preparation (*you may wish to prepare for worship by praying silently*)

God of the barren places, whose Spirit rouses stagnant hearts to life, come baptize us in fire that clears away the detritus of despair and apathy. Set our spirits ablaze with impossible dreams of oppressors giving up their power for peace and children at play where war once reigned, that, in dreaming, we might come to believe a better world is possible, and begin to ready the way for your incoming kingdom. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Tommy Suttle

Call to Worship – Lighting of Advent Candles (responsive)

Grace and Drew Suttle

Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they shall be called the children of God.

We wait, and we work, and we pray for God's shalom,

God's peace in our world.

For God is holy, and God promises that ONE DAY there WILL BE peace on earth, and good will among all people.

We need peace, and peace is what we have in JESUS CHRIST.

Peace is God's promise to us.

Let us rejoice and worship God!

* Hymn of Praise 82 – *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

* Call to Confession

John the Baptist's cry echoes through the ages: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near! Here and now, we go to God in humility and faith, confessing our sins.

* Prayer of Confession – (unison)

God of all creation, your vision of peace is beyond our knowing. We have been hurt and we have seen destruction, so we turn around and hurt others, destroying what you have called good. Forgive us, and fill us with your knowledge, so we may help bring forth your eternal realm of peace into this world today. (time for silent confession)

* Declaration of Forgiveness (responsive)

Christ comes into our world—Christ comes into our lives—to purify us and give us another chance. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **We rejoice in the hope Christ offers us! Thanks be to God!**

* The Congregation's Response: *Gloria Patri*

Hymn 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time with Children

Katie Ginn

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word, so that we may see the glorious signs of your promise fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading – Isaiah 11:1-10

pew Bible pg. 558

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Second Reading – Matthew 3:1-6

pew Bible pg. 784

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Anthems

See Amid the Winter's Snow

Dan Forrest

A Star in the East (Three Carol Settings)

Gwyneth Walker

Invitation to Offering

All things in heaven and earth belong to God, who is coming in glory to reveal a new creation. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Offertory – *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Edwin T. Childs

THE EUCHARIST

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer (responsive)

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.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God... ...joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Sanctus – *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Hymn #552

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior... ...with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

Memorial Acclamation – *Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen*

Hymn #553

Christ had died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Christ had died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us... ...God of glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

The Words of Institution

The Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

* Hymn of Consecration 105 – *People Look East*

* Blessing and Charge (responsive)

May the God of peace make you holy and the power of the Spirit sustain you until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Alleluia!** Prepare the way of the Lord! **Amen.**

* Postlude – *Toccata on Veni Emmanuel*

John G. Barr



* Please stand at the * as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold**.
Today's liturgy is in part adapted from the Call to Worship website, a resource created by the PCUSA's Office of Theology and Worship and the Presbyterian Association of Musicians.



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

(* new added prayers)

Terri Banks, friend of Pam Love – health issues

Janet Baldwin, Oseola director – nerve issues with back and foot

Linda Basden, neighbor of Janeil Harris – Alzheimer’s

Jan Bozeman – constant pain

*Angela Breland, daughter of Janet Baldwin’s friend – recovering from an auto accident

Franklin Bryant – recovering from broken pelvis at home

Larry & Margaret Burge of Poplarville, friend of Michael Yore – Larry has cancer

Miriam Crotwell – recovery from a fall

Laura Pearce Cureton, Nancy Johnson’s goddaughter – nerve block therapy continues

Deidra Dickenson, Kathy Cain’s sister – onset dementia

Cathy Dudley – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd)

Bill and Louise Edwards, friends of Charles Brown – strength and endurance

Teresa Ginn, Michael Ginn’s aunt – dementia

Lee Graham, Pam Love’s son-in-law – health issues

Jim Harris, Dixie Coats’ brother-in-law’s father – in hospital with serious health issues

Mary Gunn – continued positive medical reports

Charles “Rocky” Hartfield, friend of Pam Love – health issues

Peggy Henry, Karen Reidenbach’s sister – continued strength through addiction recovery

Charlotte Hill

Ann Johnson

Geraldine Jones

Roger Kuyrkendall, Carrie Creel’s father –Alzheimer’s

B.J. Lambert

Vivian Lochhead, daughter of Bob and Margaret Lochhead – eye issues

Peggy McCarthy, friend of Iris Easterling – facing serious health issues

Lender McKinzie, sister of Janet Baldwin – upcoming hip replacement

Deloris McLaurin, Glenn Nobles’ first cousin – dementia

Anita Murphy, friend of Mary Cromartie – lung cancer

Butch Nobles’ mother – recovering from broken hip

Glenn Nobles – endurance and strength

Renee Parker, friend of Ruthie Davis – macular degeneration

Carolyn Mitchell Pintard, Bill & Betty Mitchell’s daughter – grave health issues

Shannon Love Roberson, daughter of Pam Love – broken shoulder

Laura Todd, Grayson Rayborn’s cousin – multiple health issues

Louise Traxler, Karen Reidenbach’s mom – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd)

Korie Turner, friend of Ruthie Davis – prayers for courage

Rose Marie Yore – recovering from spinal fusion surgery

Ella Young, sister of Janet Baldwin – struggling with dementia



Greeting and Announcements

Welcome to Westminster! We’re very glad to see you in worship. We hope you will sense Christ’s presence. If you are looking for a place to grow and serve, we’d love to tell you more about us. Please silence cell phones during the worship hour.

Youth and Children will meet today at 4:00 p.m. to practice for the Christmas program. Everyone is invited for supper at 5:30 p.m., followed by the program at 6:00 p.m.

Circle 1 will meet on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., and Circle 2 will meet at 3:30 p.m.

Circle 3 will meet on Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Alicia Westbrook’s house.

Brown Bag Bible Study will meet on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.

Choir will meet on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Men of the Church will meet on Thursday at 7 a.m. at Loblolly Bakery

New Beginnings, Monday, Dec. 15, at noon to pack Breadbasket Christmas baskets. Please let Tommy or Martha know if you plan to attend.

BOSWELL GIFT TIME

A list of acceptable and needed items is on the narthex cabinet. Please provide only new items, do not wrap the gifts but provide a gift bag. You can also give money or checks. Make checks out to Westminster and put Boswell on the memo line or put cash in the pew brown envelopes and mark Boswell. Today is the deadline to bring gifts or give money. Contact Karen Reidenbach with questions.

Caroling will take place on Sunday, Dec. 21, starting at 5:00 p.m., with supper provided afterwards.

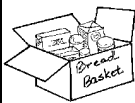
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be at 6:00 p.m. (nursery available)

It’s that time of year when Breadbasket will prepare for 100 Christmas boxes to be given before Christmas. This year Westminster will provide oranges for these boxes. We are asking for donations to purchase the oranges. There is a box labeled oranges on the narthex cabinet for your donations. If you are writing a check, please put oranges on the memo line. For more information, contact Sharon Potin or Martha Davis.

The Christmas Joy Offering is shared equally by Presbyterian-related schools and colleges and supports retired pastors. Handouts are in today’s bulletin. Offering envelopes will be in the bulletin next Sunday.



Pineview Presbyterian Church invites you to celebrate Advent with us on December 14th at 11 a.m. Always at the center of this annual service is the Christmas Brass Quartet.



Breadbasket week is Dec. 15-18
Volunteers are needed. Please contact Martha to volunteer.

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