

A Great Light



ADVENT



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | November 30, 2025

CELEBRATING THE SEASON - 2025

The earth holds its breath, waiting. Advent is a season of longing. It is a yearly representation in our church calendar of the eons spanning from the moment Eve took the first bite of the fruit until that starry night when Heaven touched earth and Christ incarnated, becoming God-man. Fully human. Fully God. Advent culminates in the arrival of Jesus—Messiah, born in the flesh to the last people on earth who anyone would have chosen to parent a king!

SONG OF GATHERING & PREPARATION

The people of God always sang as they ascended the hill in Jerusalem up to the temple to worship (see Psalms 120-134). We, as well, prepare our hearts, minds, and bodies for worship by singing about the God we serve.

Prepare Him Room

EXPLANATION OF ADVENT THEME | Creation

CALL TO WORSHIP | Revelation 21:1-2, 22-25 (ESV)

We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reveals to us who God is and what He expects of us.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ... And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

We pray together praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | Luke 1:76-79 (ESV)

We read God's Word together and are reminded that mercy and grace are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.

"And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of His church and the kingdom of God.

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

PRAISE & CELEBRATION

Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done for us.

God With Us | **10:30a Service**

God Is Love

CONFESSION OF FAITH

As an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ in solidarity with his people, we declare the substance of what we believe.

From the Heidelberg Catechism:

Q. 118. What did God command us to pray for?

A. Everything we need, spiritually and physically, as embraced in the prayer Christ our Lord himself taught us.

Q. 119. What is this prayer?

A. "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever. Amen.

KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS' DISMISSAL (Infants - 5th Graders)

Please see your child's check-in name tag for class assignment.

GREETING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION

We express in prayer our gratitude to God for what He has done and ask Him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and world.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD | Bud Daniel, *Director of Student Ministry*

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our lives and circumstances.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING | Mercy Fund Offering

We express in prayer our gratitude to God for what He has done and ask Him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and world.

SONG OF RESPONSE

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.

Because He Lives (Amen)

BENEDICTION

Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.

May the LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace,
both now and forevermore. Amen.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE & SERMON OUTLINE

Proclamation of God's Word

Text: Isaiah 9:1-7 (ESV)

Title: A Great Light

Teacher: Bud Daniel

1 But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. 2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. 3 You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. 4 For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. 5 For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. 6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the one who establishes the throne of David and makes it an everlasting kingdom reigning in justice and righteousness.
2. Where have you chased after the darkness and gloom? When have you chosen to stay in the deep darkness instead of running towards our great light? Confess your stubbornness and laziness, asking the LORD to give you a great zeal and joy because of His faithfulness.
3. Give thanks to the LORD for being our great light, our Wonderful Counselor, our Mighty God, our Everlasting Father, our Prince of Peace. Rejoice in the Person & Work of Jesus!
4. Who do you know who desires to stay in the darkness when the light has been shone? Pray for them that the Spirit would wake them up to God's faithfulness to plunge into our world and rescue us by His work.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you the real meaning of Advent. Pray that we would become a people who remain faithful to Jesus as we await in eager longing for His second Advent, clinging to His first arrival.

Upcoming *events*



Retirees Prayer Luncheon

December 4, 12p

Contact John Tucker at
jtuckerdc@gmail.com for details.



Congregational Budget Q&A

December 7, 12p

in the Sanctuary

Contact the church office for details.



High School Christmas Movie Night on the Lawn

December 12, 6:30p

Contact Bud Daniel for details.

Scan the code to register.



Women's Ministry Annual Gathering Celebrating the Season

December 13, 10a

Contact Laura McCaulley for details.

Scan the code to register.



Congregational Budget Vote

December 14, 12p

in the Sanctuary

Contact the church office for details.

Upcoming *events*



Middle School Girls' Spa Night

December 19, 6:30p

Contact Emma Riggs for details.

Scan the code to register.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

December 24, 4:00p & 5:30p

Livestream at 5:30p

Contact the church office for details.



Middle School Winter Retreat

January 9-11

Contact Bud Daniel for details.

Scan the code to register.



The Weekender

February 6 & 7

Contact Ashley Coleman for details.

Scan the code to register.



High School Winter Retreat

February 20-22

Contact Bud Daniel for details.

Scan the code to register.



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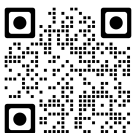


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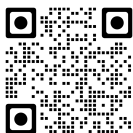


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Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

December 1-6, 2025

(3-year plan: read [blue](#) passages | 1-year plan: read [all](#))

Monday	Matthew 7 Proverbs 21	1 Samuel 3 Haggai 1
Tuesday	Matthew 8 Proverbs 22	1 Samuel 4 Haggai 2
Wednesday	Matthew 9 Proverbs 23	1 Samuel 5 Zechariah 1
Thursday	Matthew 10 Proverbs 24	1 Samuel 6 Zechariah 2
Friday	Matthew 11 Proverbs 25	1 Samuel 7 Zechariah 3
Saturday	Psalm 101	Psalm 49 Psalm 143

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Isaiah 9:2 (ESV)

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday | 8:30a - 5:00p & **Friday** | 8:30a-12:00p

Sunday Worship | 9:00a & 10:30a

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Mission

A city transformed: Loved by God the Father, saved by Jesus His Son,
empowered by His Spirit, called by God to reach our city with His love.