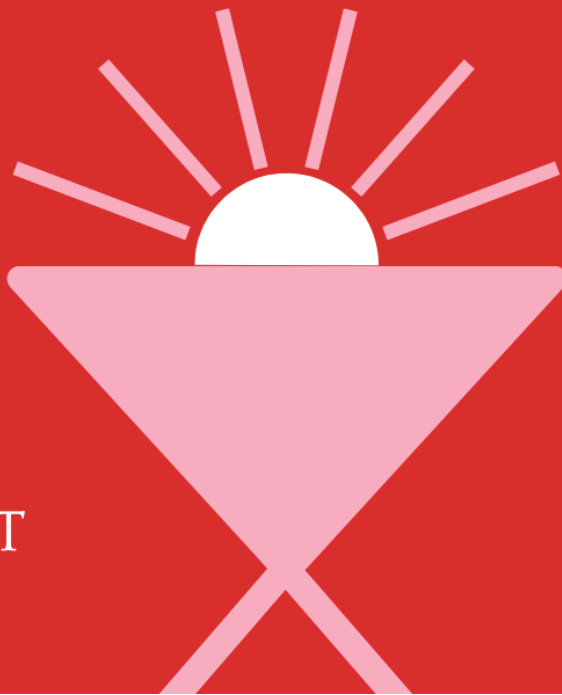


The Word made flesh, GOD WITH US



ADVENT



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | December 7, 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.

Angels We Have Heard On High

EXPLANATION OF ADVENT THEME | Promise

CALL TO WORSHIP | 2 Corinthians 4:5-6 (ESV)

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

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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 | Romans 1:16a (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.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes. ...

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.

The Goodness Of 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.

Prince Of Heaven | 10:30a Service

Overcome

COMMUNITY KIDS' DISMISSAL (Infants - Kindergarten)

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 | Tim Rice, *Founding & Teaching Pastor*

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

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.

The Apostles' Creed: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The ritual meal of Communion is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. That is, it symbolizes the work Christ did for our salvation (sign) and communicates the grace and mercy we have been given (seal) as a result of His death and resurrection.

SONG OF RESPONSE

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

Lead On Good Shepherd

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: John 1:1-5, 9-14 (ESV)

Title: The Word Made Flesh, God With Us

Teacher: Tim Rice

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ... 9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

INTRO: By your thinking, *how present or absent is God, your Maker?*

GENESIS 1 ALL OVER AGAIN

What is significant about the God of Creation is also the God of Redemption?

WHAT ABOUT THE ABSENCE?

Why is the promise of presence even needed?

DWELLING WITH US IN GLORY

In salvation, how does Jesus provide what no one else can?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD that He has not hidden Himself but has made Himself known to us instead. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that He has revealed Himself in His Word and in the Person of Jesus.
2. How have you resisted, ignored, or openly defied your Maker? Confess your rebellion and sin to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you as He's promised, and to renew you to rejoice in His lordship.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for becoming flesh to save us, where we could never save ourselves. Thank Him for dwelling here with us to do what we cannot, and so that we could finally see what flesh and blood had *never* seen before — God, with us.
4. Who do you know that lives in darkness, whether spiritual, relational, or intellectual? Ask the Lord to make Himself known to them as He has to you, interceding with Him on their behalf.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom and insight into His Word, especially that Jesus is God with us. Ask Him to help you know His incomparable love, worth, and power in the Gospel.

Upcoming *events*



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.



Middle School Girls' Spa Night

December 19, 6:30p

Contact Emma Riggs for details.

Scan the code to register.



Upcoming *events*



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.



Retirees Prayer Luncheon

February 5, 12p

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



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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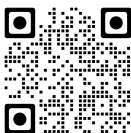


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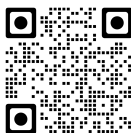


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Community Bible Reading

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December 8-13, 2025

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

Monday	Matthew 12 Proverbs 26	1 Samuel 8 Zechariah 4
Tuesday	Matthew 13 Proverbs 27	1 Samuel 9 Zechariah 5
Wednesday	Matthew 14 Proverbs 28	1 Samuel 10 Zechariah 6
Thursday	Matthew 15 Proverbs 29	1 Samuel 11 Zechariah 7
Friday	Matthew 16 Proverbs 30	1 Samuel 12 Zechariah 8
Saturday	Psalm 102	Psalm 50 Psalm 144

Scripture Memory for the Week:

John 1:1 (ESV)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

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.