

**You alone know how often we have sinned:
in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light,
and abide in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior...**

Time for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

One: ...Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: **And also with you.**

* PEACE RESPONSE:

Still, Still, Still



Peace, peace, peace, till war and violence cease. For
God has made us sister, brother, so that we may love each other.
Peace, peace, peace, till war and violence cease.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME:

Children who want to go to Sunday School can follow the teachers to their room. Younger children may be dropped off at the nursery (ages 0-4), and all children should be picked up at their rooms following the service.

* HYMN #129: **"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"** *Es Ist Ein' Ros'*

THE PROPHETS: Jeremiah 33: 14-16 p. 738 OT


THE GOSPEL: Luke 21: 25-36 p. 85-86 NT

One: The Word of the Lord
All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE: "For He Is Surely Coming"

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life..." - Luke 21:34

* GLORIA PATRI:



Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly
Spi-rit: as it was in the be-gin-ning, is
now, and will be for-ever. A men, A - men. A - men!

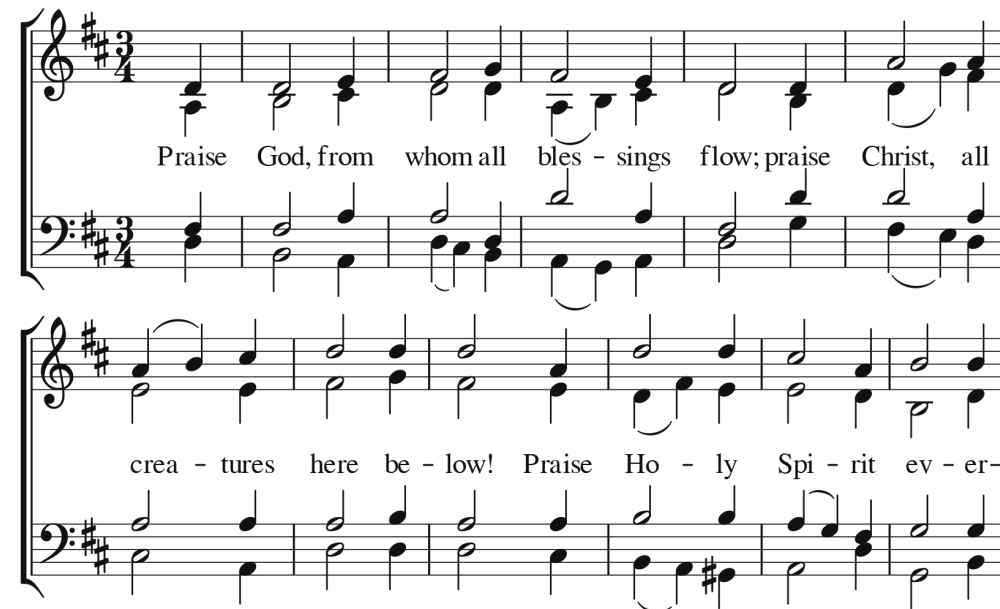
RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

* RECEIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

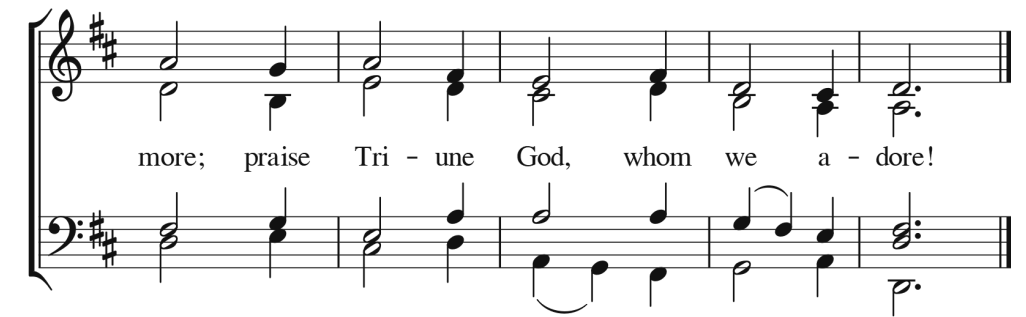
One: Second Corinthians says, "God loves a cheerful giver."
All: **There is no joy for us like giving a gift in love.**

OFFERTORY: "Choral prelude on Nun danket alle Gott" M. Reger

* DOXOLOGY: *Puer Nobis Nascitur*



Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; praise Christ, all
crea-tures here be-low! Praise Ho-ly Spi-rit ev-er-



more; praise Tri-une God, whom we a-dore!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *from Philippians 2: 5-11*

Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus; who, though he possessed the form of God, did not cling to it—but emptied himself, taking on the form of a servant, assuming human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself, and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him, and gave him the name that is above every other name — so that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

* HYMN #92: **"While We Are Waiting, Come"** *Waiting*

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION.

We invite you to come forward down the center aisle to receive communion, holding out an open palm to receive bread and leaving your cup in the cup racks at the back of each pew. If you wish to have communion brought to you, please indicate this by raising a hand to the servers walking in the aisles. All are welcome to receive communion at Christ's table.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER.

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

* HYMN #93: **"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"** *Truro*

* BENEDICTION:

* CHORAL AMEN.

POSTLUDE. *Swiss Noel with Variation* L. C. Daquin

Join us after the service for fellowship time in the Narthex, and stay for the Hanging of the Greens with pizza!

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:

- **Welcome guest organist Sondra Wayman!** While Ian takes a Thanksgiving break, we are so grateful to have you here sharing your music—thank you!
- **Winter weather policy:** The church office and in-person church programs follow the ICSD for closures and delays due to inclement weather. For worship, we are always open on Sundays @10am - but never want anyone to come out in weather that is unsafe. Please make your choices freely as God loves you very much.
- **Hanging of the Greens:** TODAY is the Hanging of the Greens. Mark your calendars! Fun for the whole family! We'll begin @11:30 and go until we have the sanctuary decorated and the outside lights strung on the shrubs. In addition to enjoying good company, we will share pizza lunch and possibly sing a carol or two - and bring the children, as there are paper chains to make!
- **Adult Education class next week** - Join us for a Bible study looking at the Christmas with this story, there may be some surprises as we dive into the details with Pastor Cindy.
- **Yuletide Tickets** - Join us December 14 at 6pm. Get your tickets before 12/9! To ensure we have food for you all! Tickets are available online, in person at Fellowship time or by submitting the form on the Yuletide Insert. RSVP today even if you forgot your wallet!
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Reminder there will be no Sunday School on 12/15, 12/22, and 12/29. We will kick off 2025 with a grand celebration on 1/5! Volunteers needed!

The flowers today are given by John Ullberg -
"In memory of Martha Hawkes Ullberg."

Our greeters today are:

Marilyn Ewing, Beth Patton, and Linda McLean.

Our ushers today are:

Harrison Faulkner, Sandra Greene, Jeanette Miller, and Stella Martz.

We hold in our prayers:

Helen Joyce Barclay; David Brown; Harris Faulkner;
Betsy Mann; and Vivian and Jim Russell.

CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1:

9:00-10:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
9:30-11:30 am Nursery Available (Second Floor)
10:00 am First Sunday of Advent
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00 am Fellowship (Narthex)
11:00 am Hanging of the Greens

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3:

9:00-1:00 pm FPCI Office Hours
10:00 am Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Tai Chi (Narthex)
7:00-8:00 pm AA Meeting (Dodds Hall)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4:

9:00-1:00 pm FPCI Office Hours
9:30-10:30 am Wednesday Worship Meeting

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5:

9:00-1:00 pm FPCI Office Hours
6:30-9:00 pm Community Game Night (Dodds Hall)
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6:

9:00-1:00 pm FPCI Office Closed

SATURDAY, DECEMBER: 7.

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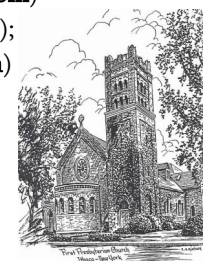
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11:30 am Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
11:30 am Youth Group
12:30 pm Deacons

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DECEMBER 1, 2024: THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

*This service is being livestreamed! You can view services on our website.
Please share your name in the Friendship Pads at the end of each pew.*

PRELUDE: Autumn C. Chaminade
Blessed Jesus, We Are Here J. S. Bach
Behold, a Rose Breaks into Bloom arr. by J. Brahms

WELCOME. Rev. Kirianne E. Weaver

* LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE: Liturgist: Cris Haltom

One: Hear God's promise of hope from Isaiah 2:

**All: In the days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills.**

One: All the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come
and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob -

**All: that he may teach us God's ways,
and that we may walk in God's paths."**

One: For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

**All: God shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;**

One: they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;

**All: nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.**

Let us worship God!

* HYMN #88: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *Veni Emmanuel*
verses 1, 2, 6 and 7

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Rev. Cynthia A. Weaver

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess
our failure to be what you created us to be.**