



Worship for The Lord's Day

Second Sunday of Advent/Communion/2 Cents a Meal

December 7, 2025

****Those who are able, please stand.***

10:00 A.M. Worship

WELCOME! We are glad you are worshipping with us today. We pray that you will be challenged and find joy, hope, and celebration in this time spent together in the presence of God. *Please note your presence and provide contact information in the "Ritual of Friendship" booklet. Then return it to the first person.*

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Manger Medley"

Hayes

THOUGHTS FOR PREPARATION

What was famous about the town/place where you grew up?

What lesson stays with you because of something unique about your hometown?

When is a time that you've experienced one of God's promises being fulfilled?

WELCOME

ADVENT WREATH

"Advent: A Time for Traveling"
The Torrence Family

Luke 2:1-5; Micah 2: 2-4

***OPENING HYMN**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

No. 133

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

based on Psalm 130

Out of the depths I have called to You, Lord.

Let your ears be open to hear My voice.

If you recorded all our sins, who could come before you?

My soul is longing for the Lord,

more than those who watch for daybreak.

Yes, like those who toss and turn all night,

**because of fear and brokenness and awareness of our sin.
Come to us in the dawn of Jesus' entry into the world.
It is through Jesus the Messiah that we can be saved.
Hear the prayers of Your people, O merciful Lord....**
(A quiet moment for each person's own prayers and requests)

KYRIE "Lord, Have Mercy upon Us"

***DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

Leader:Friends, put your trust in the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***SONG OF PRAISE** "Gloria in Excelsis Deo!" *refrain only* No. 113

ANTHEM "Hurry, Shepherds, Run"

GOD'S PEOPLE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:26-38

SUNDAY MESSAGE "Christmas: A Time for a Promise" Rev. Greg Gillispie

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***PROFESSION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed*

***HYMN** "Once in Royal David's City" No. 140

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATIONS AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

WE OFFER TO GOD OUR GIFTS AND GRATITUDE

OFFERTORY “Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow” Hayes

***DOXOLOGY** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(In Unison)*

**God Most High, receive the gifts of our lives
as an offering of gratitude for Your grace.**

**Overshadow us with Your Holy Spirit and let it be with us according to Your word,
for nothing is impossible with You. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Recalling God’s Mighty Acts

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Words Instituting the Sacrament

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

(Please hold the bread until all are served; partake of the cup when you receive it.)

Communion Music

“O Come, O Come”

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Prayer

GOD’S PEOPLE GO FORTH TO WORSHIP AND SERVE

***HYMN** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” No. 82

***A CHALLENGE AND BLESSING**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE** “Amen”

***WE SHARE A SIGN OF JESUS’ PEACE**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

All: **And also with you.**

If you are comfortable doing so, please exchange this blessing with several of the people around you.

POSTLUDE

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

Hayes

FPC Advent Gathering

Please join your fellow worshippers in Fellowship Hall for our annual Advent Gathering. Stay for a little while or as long as you wish.

If you have a nametag, please wear it. If you need to make one, those are available on the tables just outside of the front doorways of this worship space.

THE DEACONS would like to thank all who remember the Deacons’ Cupboard while shopping. They are requesting **brownie mix, bar soap, and toilet paper** for the month of **December**. You may leave your items in the Deacons’ box in Fellowship Hall.

RADIO MINISTRY is funded today by **Cindy Athya**. Our service is broadcast at 10:00 a.m. Sundays on 1570 AM and 97.7 FM. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, donations designated for the Radio Ministry may be placed in the offering box; contributions may also be mailed to the Church Office with “Radio Ministry” in the memo of the check.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES You can pick up your 2026 offering envelopes in Fellowship Hall now and throughout the month. Names and addresses are printed on the boxes. Any questions, please call the Church Office @ 330-393-1524.

LAKE VISTA BIBLE FELLOWSHIP will meet at Lake Vista on **Monday, December 8, at 11:00 a.m.** in the Lake Vista Chapel. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend and if you will be having lunch. *(Please bring exactly \$8.50)*

CAROLING: Come to worship on **Sunday, December 14**, in your caroling clothes! This year, we will enjoy a luncheon right after worship in Fellowship Hall. After lunch, we will break into groups and each group will carol at 3 or 4 stops. Afterwards, we will return to the Church for dessert and fellowship. Please sign up if you plan to attend or email the Church Office.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE: A service of remembrance and healing, helping us to deal with our various losses amid a season of celebration, will be held on **Tuesday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m.** Join us for this beautiful and up-lifting service.

CHRISTMAS EVE: The meaningful, spiritual, memorable celebration of Christ's nativity will occur here at FPC Warren with two worship experiences on **Wednesday, December 24.** We will gather around the story of "good news of great joy" at a pair of Christmas Eve services, at **5:00 p.m.** and at **10:00 p.m.** If you are interested in attending the 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service but are unable to drive, please call the Church Office to arrange for volunteer transportation.

THE ALTERNATIVE GIFT-GIVING - Today's **AGG Spotlight** is on **Pink Lights the Way**, a non-profit organization whose purpose is to support breast cancer patients and survivors. Offering guidance and understanding, this local group also provides services such as meal delivery, customized care packages, hats, head scarves, and even age-appropriate kids' activity boxes if children are in the home. They have recently added a Christmas assistance program to help affected families. The leaders of this group are breast cancer survivors themselves, so they know what other women are experiencing. *And when you get to where you're going, turn around and help her, too.* (Anonymous)

Alternative Gift-Giving will continue through **Monday, Dec. 15.** The other participating organizations include Animal Welfare League, FPC Wish List – ACTS Fund, Free Indeed Ministries, Second Harvest Food Bank, and Water for the People. Remember to make out your check to First Presbyterian Church (put AGG on the memo line) and to include your order blank with the name(s) of your designated charity(ies). You can drop your donation into the offering plate or mail it to the FPC office. Thank you!

SPIRE DEADLINE will be **Thursday, December 18.** Please email your articles and photos of the Church Christmas events to kathietrowbridge@fpcwarren.org.

GIVING: All end-of-year giving must be received or postmarked by **December 31, 2025**, for it to be recorded for 2025.

PASTOR:
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY:
DIRECTOR OF FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY:
WORSHIP LEADER:
RADIO, LIGHTS AND SOUND SYSTEM:
VIDEO PROJECTION:

*Rev. Greg Gillispie
Melanie A. Vlad
Marissa Welke
Tom Torrence Jr.
Alexis Musgrove
Bob Stahl*

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun, Dec. 7	- Second Sunday of Advent/Communion/2 Cents-a-Meal - Choir Rehearsal 8:30 am - Worship..... 10:00 am - Advent Gathering, FH..... 11:15 am - Bell Choir Practice 11:15 am
Mon, Dec. 8	- OA, P 10:00 am - Lake Vista Study, Lake Vista 11:00 am - Girl Scouts, B..... 5:30 pm - BGA Meeting, FH 6:30 pm - Voices of Micah 7:00 pm - AA, MC 7:00 pm
Tues, Dec. 9	- Al-Anon, B..... 9:30 am - NA, MC 7:00 pm
Wed, Dec. 10	- Deacons' Meeting, FH 4:00 pm - Someplace Safe, B 5:00 pm - NAMI Meeting, P 6:00 pm - AA, MC 6:30 pm
Fri, Dec. 12	- Church Office Closed
Sat, Dec. 13	- Holidays on the Square, FH 4:30 pm
Sun, Dec. 14	- Third Sunday of Advent - Choir Rehearsal 8:30 am - Worship..... 10:00 am - Sunday School, B..... 10:15 am - Bell Choir Practice 11:15 am - Lunch and Caroling 11:15 am

FH-Fellowship Hall MC-Mable Culver P-Parlor B-Badger Hall T-Tieffle Lounge Z-Zoom

