

Fairview Presbyterian Church
November 30, 2025 • First Sunday of Advent

We Gather Around the Word

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

PRELUDE "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Latin
*CALL TO WORSHIP Tony Grimsley

Leader: Wake up; wake up! The day of God is near.
People: A day when wars will cease. A day of new beginnings.
Leader: We do not know the hour,
People: so we will live like the time is here and now.
God is here, now!
Let us worship the God who was, and who is and who will be.

*HYMN#245 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Latin

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING Mary Moon

Scripture from Jeremiah 31

Prayer
God of justice, God of peace, even now you are breaking into our weary world. Make your presence known to those who wait and watch for you. Send your Spirit of justice rolling over the earth; sweep away all war and suffering so that all of your creation can glorify you in peace—the kin-dom that Jesus promised us come down to earth at last. Amen.

Candle Lighting
Today we light the candle of peace to help us see the way of peace.

Sung Response (tune is 279)
Candles glowing, promise showing holy peace so still and bright.
New tomorrow, free from sorrow – living in Christ’s holy light.
Shunning violence, loving neighbor,
joy of silence, trust our savior –
Living in Christ’s holy light! Living in Christ’s holy light!

CALL TO CONFESSION
You know what time it is: the time to wake from sleep. Salvation is near! With honesty and intention, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of night and day, there is no shadow that can conceal our sin from you and no secret that you will not bring to light. We tremble at this knowledge, but as deep as our sins are, we trust your love is deeper and stronger. Forgive us our sins, righteous God, renew us in love, and teach us to live in a way that brings honor and glory to your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Beloved, in your baptism you were bathed in light and clothed with grace. Therefore, put on the Lord Jesus Christ! Know that you are forgiven, and live in peace.

Sung Response "Glory, Glory, Glory" Contemporary
Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high,
Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high,
And on earth, peace to all people in whom God is well pleased.

We Hear the Word Proclaimed

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Tony Grimsley
O God of our people and Lord of every nation, let your word ring out from the mountains and your Spirit shine forth in the earth, so that all may hear your teaching and all may do your will; through Jesus Christ our peace.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 2:1-5

ANTHEM "We Want To Be Ready" Spiritual

GOSPEL READING Luke 1:5-20

SERMON "A Light Breaks In" Rev. Tidwell

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN#249 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Latin

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus.
His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God.
He was the fulfillment of God’s promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity.
He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.
Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.19

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

CALL FOR 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 as we bring our tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" English

*DOXOLOGY#290 "As With Gladness Men of Old" English

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Eternal God, as we wait for the fulfillment of your reign, use these gifts and the gifts of our lives to bring your peace among us and in the world, to lift up those who are bowed down, and to uphold those who are vulnerable. Amen.

We Carry the Word into the World

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN#794 "Soon And Very Soon" Spiritual

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
"Lord, Bid Your Servant Go In Peace" American Folk
Lord, bid your servant go in peace; your word will be fulfilled, These eyes will see salvation's dawn; this child so long foretold.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE
Until we meet again, may the peace of our Lord be with you. And also with you. Amen.