

Fairview Presbyterian Church
December 7, 2025 • Second Sunday of Advent

We Gather Around the Word

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Doug Weaver

Leader: The world says, "All is lost."

People: God says, "All is loved."

Leader: The darkness says, "The light is dying."

People: The light says, "The fire is catching."

Leader: Fear says, "Cover your eyes and your ears."

People: Hope says, "Wait, watch, and listen."

Leader: Come and worship with expectation

People: For God has made incarnate in this world the breath of life, the life of hope.

*HYMN#259 "Angels, From The Realms of Glory Vs 1-4" Scottish

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

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Scripture from Jeremiah 29

Prayer

O Root of Jesse, O Source of Hope, stir up your power within us, that in this time we may await with abundant expectation the fulfillment of your eternal presence in creation, for you live and reign among us, Maker, Savior, and Giver of Life, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Candle Lighting

Today we light the candle of hope to help us see the way of hope.

Sung Response

Candles glowing, promise showing,

the great hope that calms our fear.

Darkness scatters, worry shatters,

Christ will always draw us near.

Calms our sighing, hears our crying,

helps our trying, love undying -

Christ will always draw us near!

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us lay before God and one another the distances between us, the impatience, idolatries, and lack of compassion that form our confessions this day. For if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves. Yet in mercy, God will forgive us and renew us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and welcoming God, have mercy on your people.

We confess that we do not believe in your incarnation.

We do not heed your word each day in all that we say and do.

We do not see our neighbors, families, and friends as beloved children whom you have made. In your mercy, forgive us, for we repent of our ways and look to your power to heal us and raise us up, so that, at the last, you will gather us to you and give us peace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The reign of God has come near; the repentant will be judged with righteousness. You are forgiven. Be filled with hope, believing in the power of the risen Christ to bring you to new life.

Rejoice and believe.

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

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Holy God, by the power of your Spirit, may the word we read be heard and understood as your living word for us and may we as your body know the word made flesh among us. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

ANTHEM "A Carol Celebration"

Traditional

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:57a, 76-79

SERMON "Now in Flesh Appearing"

Rev. Tidwell

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN(insert) "People, Look East"

French Folk

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

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).

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Hymn#760 "While We Are Waiting, Come" Cont.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God we give you thanks for this feast of grace. As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, to help us to love the world. Now, send us out to share your love and proclaim our hope until Christ comes again; Amen.

CALL FOR OFFERING

Come with gratitude and joy to the table of the Lord. Bring the works of your hands and the gifts of your lives as an offering.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY#290 "As With Gladness Men of Old" English
As they offered gifts most rare, at that manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have built us up in faith and bound us together in love. By your grace, may all that we do show the glory of your name and serve the good of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Carry the Word into the World

*HYMN#244 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" English

*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.