

\*Response: *King of Kings* (Words on Screen)

**Offering Prayer:** Generous God who calls us to rejoice, you fill the hungry with good things and you help your people in need. Receive the gifts we offer, we pray, and make them, and us, joyful and patient signs of your coming justice and glory. Amen

Baptism of Tyson Myles Kraft w/Apostle's Creed

Sending into the World

\*Sending Hymn: *Go Tell It on the Mountain* #258

Postlude

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

*Please join us for fellowship following worship.*

Music: Peggy Davidson/Susan Wismer

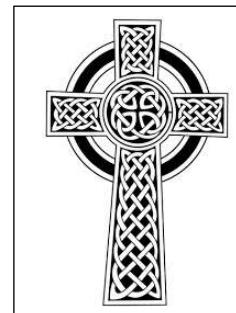
Liturgist: Susan Wismer

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Announcements:

- Food Pantry Collection for December – Pork & Beans.
- Our Christmas Eve Candle-Light Service, w/Communion, will be at 5:00 P.M. this year.
- We will collect our Christmas Joy offering next Sunday, the 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Youth Group will meet this Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Bible Study will resume on January 12<sup>th</sup>.
- We would appreciate poinsettias for the altar this year.

In our thoughts & prayers: Please pray for those dealing with cancer; for those dealing with serious health concerns; those dealing with the loss of loved ones; and all people around the world dealing with loss and devastation.



**First Presbyterian Church**

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**December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Welcome to Worship**  
**December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 10:00 A.M.**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Gathering Around the Word**

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Announcements**

**Advent Candle Lighting**

**Children's Christmas Program**

**Prelude:** *On Christmas Night*

**Duet w/Peggy & Susan**

**Invocation**

**\*Call to Worship:**

We gather today in great hope, longing to see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

**The Almighty has done great things for us.**

**Holy is God's name.**

May our worship strengthen our hands, make firm our trembling knees, and unburden our fearful hearts.

**The Almighty has done great things for us.**

**Holy is God's name.**

Knowing that God is near, let us be patient with the times and with one another.

**The Almighty has done great things for us.**

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To all who ask about our hope, let us tell the good news of what we have seen and heard.

**The Almighty has done great things for us.**

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**\*Hymns of Praise:** *We Worship and Adore You* #194  
*Away in a Manger* #262  
*How Great Our Joy!* #269

**\*Call to Confession:**

**\*Prayer of Confession:** Advent God, we yearn to rejoice, as we tell of Jesus coming into our world. We long to see your promise of mercy, justice, and restoration, fulfilled for all people everywhere. In our yearning, we discover that our hands are weak, our knees are feeble, and our hearts are full of fear. Stuck in old stories and remembered glories, we grow critical of one another and of ourselves. We even wonder whether Jesus is near. Then our desire to rejoice sputters in frustration and impatience. Restore us, yearned-for God, for your joy is not our accomplishment, but your gift. Set us on the Holy Way of Advent, forgiven, strengthened, and healed, rejoicing in your glory and majesty. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Gloria Patri** (words on screen)

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Hearing the Word**

**Scriptures:** *Isaiah 35* **James 5:7-10** **Susan Wismer**

**Gospel Reading:** *Luke 1:46-55* **Lance Griese**

**Congregation:** "Thanks be to God"

**Message:** **"The Realm of Joy"** **Lance Griese**

**Giving of our Tithes, Gifts and Offerings**

**Offertory:** *O Come, Little Children* **Peggy Davidson**