

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE** "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Ralph Vaughan Williams

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

**CHORAL INTROIT** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Lloyd Larson

### +CALL TO WORSHIP

Behold! A teenage girl is pregnant with the God who knit her in her own mother's womb, **strange signs from a strange God who upturns expectations.** She said yes to divine revolution even though it meant social condemnation, **strange signs from a strange God who upturns expectations.** God's Spirit stokes subversive dreams in us to help us defy the status quo, **strange signs from a strange God who upturns expectations.** Amen.

### LITURGY FOR ADVENT: LOVE

Diana and Warren Brooks

Watch and wait for Christ's coming!  
Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love,  
Remembering the promises of God with prayer.

We light this candle for hope.  
We light this candle for peace.  
We light this candle for Joy!  
We light this candle with love.

Out of love for the people of God, the Lord speaks through the Prophet Isaiah, as found in the seventh chapter, verses 10-14:

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said; "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign, Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel."

Let us pray.  
God of hope,  
Prince of peace,  
Jubilee Judge,  
and Lord of love,  
your goodness is beyond our wildest imaginings.

You give us more than we can think to ask,  
coming to us with impossible possibility  
in union of flesh and spirit.

Teach us to love this world and all people  
as you love us in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

God of promise, God of hope,  
Into our darkness come.

**Congregational Response** "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

Stanza 4

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**HYMN # 88** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Shepherd of our souls,  
we anticipate your coming but do not feel ready.  
We have done too much, and not done enough.  
We focused too much on ourselves,  
and not enough on others.  
Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine, that we might be saved.

*(Silent Confession)*

### KYRIE #551

*Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy upon us.*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Emmanuel did not come into this world to condemn, but to save.  
**God does not come to imprison us, but to set us free.**

Through this abundant love, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

### +RESPONSE #581 GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

## THE WORD

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Isaiah 7: 10-16 Pew Bible page 632

**ANTHEM** "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" arr. Jack Schraader  
Jake Taylor, Bass

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Matthew 1: 18-25 Pew Bible Page 1

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks Be to God.**

**SERMON** "God on our Hands"

Reverend Dr. Daniell Hamby

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### +UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by  
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;  
the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into  
heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I  
believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the  
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection  
of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

**+HYMN #108** "Of the Father's Love Begotten" DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

### THE OFFERTORY JOY OFFERING

There are multiple ways to contribute to the ministries of First Presbyterian Eufaula: An offering plate is located in the rear of the sanctuary or you may mail your contribution to First Presbyterian Eufaula at 201 N. Randolph Ave, Eufaula, AL 36027, drop it by the church office, or give online at [www.firstpresbyterianefaula.org/give](http://www.firstpresbyterianefaula.org/give).

### +DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING

**+CLOSING HYMN #110** "Love Has Come"

*BRING A TORCH*

### +BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

"Adeste Fidelis"

arr. Sikes

+ Congregation Standing

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME:** We welcome back to our pulpit today, Reverend Dr. Daniell Hamby.

We warmly welcome you to worship this morning and ask that you please sign the Friendship pad in your pew. Christian worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power to the Triune God. In worship we acknowledge God, who is present in the world and in our lives. As we respond to God's claim and redemptive action in Jesus Christ, we are transformed and renewed. In worship, we offer ourselves to God and we are equipped for God's service in the world.

**Visitors:** We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting with us this morning. We invite you to come back and worship with us as often as possible. If you would like more information about our church, please see one of our Elders.

**Christmas Eve Service with communion** December 24th at 5:00PM.

**WOW** will resume in January.

**Giving Fence** needs items, including coat hangers and blankets. If you have anything that you don't need or want and think it is in good shape, please donate it for our Giving Fence. Also needed are personal and household items.

**Can Cross** needs food items. Please give what you are able to help those who need food in our community. Please place your items in the Can Cross outside the pastor's office.

**Wednesday Prayer Service** will resume on December 31st.

Large print editions of the **Glory to God Hymnal** are available for use and can be obtained from an usher.

**Offering:** You may now give online if you prefer using your debit/credit card. Go to <https://firstpresbyterianefaula.org/give> on your phone and the website will direct you.

**Cares & Concerns:** Kaitlin Hoover Black, Betty Suddath, Judy Umstattd, Eden Coates, Fred McWaters, Carter McDonald, Darryl Kornegay, Melissa Scholl, Della Huffman, Linda Creel, Lincoln, Christine Fisher, Teresa Orr, Margaret Beasley, Bill Elkins, Don Wood, Andrew Peak – address 5058 River Road, Jakin, GA 39861. Vonnie Harzig, Cody Owens, The family of Richard and Anne Hawks.

Please pray for our church and the Pastor Nominating Committee, specifically during their regular meeting on Thursdays at 4:00. At this time, please stop what you are doing and pray.

**Worshipers at Home:** Pegge Abraham, Jane Price

**Military Members:** Nicole Barrett

**College Students:** Jake Cournoyer, David Dixon, James Dixon, Haley Helbing, Benjamin Powers, Jake Taylor, Tabetha Taylor, Hailey Beard, Logan Adams, John Stephen Powers, Gray Mitchell, Kathryn Mitchell

### Weekly Calendar

#### Sunday, December 21st

9:30 AM – Choir Rehearsal  
10:15 AM - Coffee and Fellowship  
11:00 AM –Worship with Reverend Dr. Daniell Hamby

**Wednesday, December 24th Christmas Eve** 5:00 p.m. "A Service of Lessons and Carols" with Candlelight Communion

#### Sunday, December 28th

9:30 AM - Choir Rehearsal, 10:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship  
11:00 AM –Worship

#### SESSION

*Class of 2025*  
Edie Fiquett  
Emily Parrish  
Hornsby  
Al Peak

*Class of 2026*  
Callie Strickland  
Doug Winkleblack  
Teresa Barrett

*Class of 2027*  
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4th Sunday of Advent, Love

December 21st, 2025

*"Seeking to know Christ and make Christ known"*