

First Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship
November 30, 2025 — Advent I

Prelude I *E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come* – Paul Manz

Prelude II *Power of Your Love* – Geoff Bullock
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

Welcome & Announcements Bridget Mitchell
Pass the Peace

Video – Come and See Peace

Advent Wreath Lighting Brooks & Miki Newbry
Leader: We have waited so long, O God. Our hearts are restless, aching for You. Creation groans, the exile lingers, and still we lift our eyes to the horizon. Come, Lord Jesus — we cannot wait another moment without You.

Reader: “The hour has come for you to wake from sleep. Salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand.”

All: Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee. We are tired of the darkness. Wake us. Meet us. Come quickly, our King. Amen.

Leader: A single flame burns — our desperate expectation. O come, let us adore Him who is coming!

*Opening Hymn *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* #93

Call to Confession Mike Gerlach

Unison Prayer of Confession
Holy God, You are coming, and we are not ready. We have filled our days with noise and hurry, eating and drinking, working and worrying, while our souls grow dull and sleepy. We have ignored the signs of Your nearness;

we have loved the darkness more than Your light. We have walked as though tomorrow is promised and grace can be postponed. Forgive us, O Coming King. Break into our locked hearts. Wake us from slumber. Make us a people who watch and pray, who long for You more than watchmen wait for the morning. Have mercy on us, according to Your steadfast love; cleanse us, renew us, ready us—for the hour we do not expect is the hour we need You most. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Doxology *God of Wonders* – Mark Byrd, Steve Hindalong
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

Prayer for Illumination Mike Gerlach

Scripture — Isaiah 2:1-5 (ESV)

Anthem *Le Déluge* – Camille Saint-Saëns
Bridget Mitchell, Violin; Mark Ramsey, Piano

Scripture — Psalm 122 (First Nations Version)

Time with our Children — Bible Presentation Rev. Christian Johnson

Sermon Rev. Christian Johnson
Expectation: Ready for the Coming King

Scripture — Matthew 24:36-44 (ESV)

Hymn of Affirmation *Peace Be Still* – Ingram, Huguley, Willis
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

Minute for Ministry Jeff Seehorn

Call to Offering Mike Gerlach

Offertory *What Child Is This?* – arr. Linda McKechnie
First Ringers

Prayer of Dedication, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer Rev. Christian Johnson

*Closing Hymn *Create in Me a Clean Heart* #423

*Benediction Rev. Christian Johnson

*Benediction Response *Let the Praises Ring* – Lincoln Brewster
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

Postlude *Toccata* – John Weaver

***Please rise in body or spirit.**

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