

First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



Nov 30, 2025

Worship 10:00 am

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The Worship of God

First Sunday of Advent and Communion



Gathering

The Call of the Carillon

Let the carillon bells invite us into the sanctuary, where we prepare our hearts in silence to worship the Living God.

Prelude

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Johannes Brahms

Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

Remembering our Baptisms

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Lynn Hill

The season of Advent begins—
a time to watch, to wait, and to prepare.

We gather in hope, watching for the coming light.

Darkness will not have the final word,
for the Light of Christ is coming into the world.

**We come to decorate God's house,
to make ready a place for Christ in our hearts and in
our midst.**

Liturgy of the Greens

(included in the insert)

~Meaning of the Tree

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" #2 vs. 1

~Meaning of the Wreaths

"Away in A Manger" #25 vss. 1 and 3

~Meaning of the Garland

"People Look East" #12 vs 1 and 2

~Meaning of the Poinsettias

"Lo, How a Rose Ere Blooming" #48 All

Lighting of the Advent Candle





Passing of the Peace

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Lynn Hill

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-14,16
This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Pew Bible: NT p. 86

Special Music

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Elizabeth Poston

Sermon with Children

Lynette Liberge

Responding to the Word

♦ Affirmation of Faith ~ The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried;
He descended to the dead; On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the God the Father almighty,
from there he will 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.**

Gathering of Tithes and Offering

Offertory

♦ Doxology

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

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Celebration of Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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 for us to give thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

With joy we praise you gracious God. . .

Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints

and all the angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Words of Institution

Closing Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

♦ Hymn

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

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Sending

Benediction

Benediction Response

Lead Me Lord

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right-eous-ness, make Thy way plain be - fore my face.

For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord, On - ly that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

WORDS: Psalms 5:8, 4:8
MUSIC: Samuel S. Wesley, 1861

LEAD ME, LORD

Postlude

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Rowland H. Prichard (arr. Ruth Elaine Schram)

(During the postlude, you are invited to remain seated.)

♦ All who are able, please stand



Rev. John Erickson, Pastor
Elijah Buerk, Music Director / Organist
Steve Ward, Media Director