



Order of Worship  
For Honor and Praise of the God

COMING TOGETHER

Prelude Anthony Xu, organ

Welcome

Call to Worship Rev. Kathleen Luke

One: The Word became flesh and lived among us.

All: And we have seen his glory – full of grace and truth!

One: Light shines in the darkness.

All: And the darkness has not overcome it.

One: Come, let us rejoice in God’s gift among us!

All: Let us worship God with joy!

Passing the Peace

\* Hymn 134 Joy to the World Antioch  
(Verses 1, 2, and 3)

\* Call to Confession Rev. Kathleen Luke  
Even as we rejoice in Christ’s coming, we remember that we do not always live as people of the light. Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

\* Prayer of Confession Rev. Kathleen Luke  
God of light and love, you came into the world to dwell among us, yet we confess that we often turn away from your presence. We cling to fear instead of hope, to self-interest instead of compassion, to silence instead of praise.

Forgive us, renew us, and shape us again as people who live in your light. Through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

\* Assurance of Pardon Rev. Kathleen Luke  
Hear the good news: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God!

\* Gloria Patri – 581 Glory Be to the Father Greatorex

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Children’s Moment Rev. Kathleen Luke

Hymn 134 Joy to the World Antioch  
(Verse 4)

Prayer for Illumination Liturgist  
Living God, by your Spirit open our hearts and minds to hear again the good news of Christ’s coming. May your Word take root within us and shape how we live as your people. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 462 I Love to Tell the Story Hankey  
(Verse 1)

A Service of Lessons and Carols

LESSON 1 Christ’s birth is foretold by Isaiah. Isaiah 9:2, 6-7  
Hymn 119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Mendelssohn

LESSON 2 The shepherds go to the manger. Luke 2:8-16  
Hymn 113 Angels We Have Heard on High Gloria

LESSON 3 The Word became Flesh. John 1:1-5, 9-14  
Hymn 140 Once in Royal David’s City Irby

LESSON 4 God’s love dwells with us. 1 John 4:9-11  
Hymn 132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice In Dulci Jubilo

\* 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 at 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.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer Liturgist  
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our

debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Invitation to the Offering Liturgist

Offertory In the Bleak Midwinter Arr. Rhoades  
Covenant Singers  
Anthony Xu, piano

\* Doxology – Hymn 606 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow Old Hundredth

\* Dedication of the Offering Liturgist

GOING OUT IN MISSION

\* Hymn 136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain Go Tell It  
(Verses 1 and 2)

\* Charge and Benediction Liturgist

\* Hymn 136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain Go Tell It  
(Verse 3)

Postlude Anthony Xu, organ

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## Welcome, Guests and Visitors!

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! We hope and pray that you will grow in relationship with the living God as we worship together. Members and guests are asked to sign the Ministry of Friendship book as it is passed from the front pew to the back.

New members come into our fellowship by Profession of Faith, Letter of Transfer, or Reaffirmation of Faith. Please call the church office (405)751-2546 or speak to a serving elder, denoted by a gold flag on their name tag, for more information.

## About Our Worship

In worship, God is the audience. We are participants who have gathered to give thanks and praise. In reverence to God and out of respect for other worshippers, please silence your cell phones.

Children are welcome in worship each Sunday. Activity tote bags for children are available at the welcome table each week. The nursery is open for parents with little ones as well.

The congregation is invited to stand, in body or spirit, when an asterisk (\*) is notated in the bulletin. Where there is **bolded** text, the congregation is invited to speak aloud in unison.

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## Staff and Participants in Worship:

Rev. Kathleen Luke ..... Minister  
Emily Sawyer ..... Administrative Assistant  
Morgan Magelssen ..... Music Director  
Alice Showalter ..... Childcare Provider  
Meagan McCrary ..... Orchestra Assistant  
Anthony Xu ..... Accompanist  
John Magelssen ..... Streaming Attendant  
CPC Orchestra ..... Music  
Covenant Singers ..... Music  
Youth ..... Acolyte

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## Hours of Operation:

Monday through Thursday  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas, Year A  
December 28, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.



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