

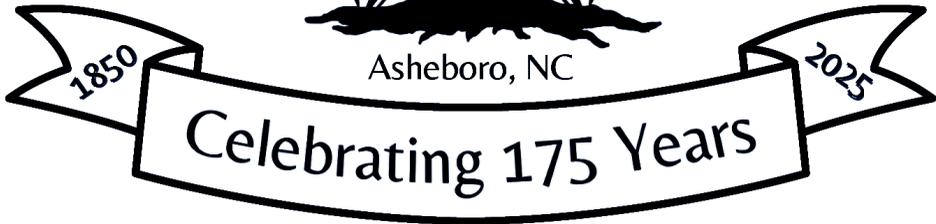
Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

10:30 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church



Asheboro, NC

Preparation for Worship

MUSIC FOR PREPARATION “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
“The Cherry Tree Carol”

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram
arr. Kristine Johanck
Handbells

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Lois and Rass Bagley

PRELUDE

“Fum, Fum, Fum”

arr. Mark Hayes
Christy Wisuthseriwong and Anne Lewis

The Gathering of God’s People

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN #104

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, your eternal word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will. Prepare our hearts for his coming again; keep us steadfast in hope and faithful in service, that we may receive the coming of his kingdom. As the angel proclaimed to Joseph: Jesus came to save his people from their sins. Hear our prayer as we confess our sin before you, trusting in your saving love. In Christ’s name, we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy.

P: **Hear our prayer.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

RESPONSE OF PRAISE #88

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

verse 6

*O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death’s dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" *arr. Brian Chung*

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 1: 26-38

SPECIAL MUSIC "Two Carols from the British Isles" *arr. Mark Hayes*
Christy Wisuthseriwong and Anne Lewis

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 1:46-55

L: The word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Hope of Mary" *Rev. Brian K. Rummage*

Responding to the Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Psalm 146: 1, 8-10*

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord!

Being Sent into the World

HYMN #113 "Angels We Have Heard On High"

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Duet Fantasy on Joy to the World" *R. Vandall*
Christy Wisuthseriwong and Anne Lewis

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

We welcome you to worship this morning. If you are visiting with us, we hope you find our congregation to be a place of welcome and spiritual nurture. Please take a Visitor Gift Bag with a devotional book and other gifts and information about FPC, as our way of thanking you for worshipping with us. Visitor Gift Bags can be found just outside the center Sanctuary door in the Narthex or in the Hospitality Center.

Children's Worship and Nursery Ministries: Our infant nursery is located in room #114 on our Children's Ministry hallway immediately behind the sanctuary. If you are unfamiliar with our facilities, an usher will happily guide you.

Worship is the heart of church life and it is important that our children feel welcomed and are strengthened for their own walk of faith. At the appropriate time in the service, children are invited to come to the front of the church for our children's message time with Pastor Brian. Afterwards children are dismissed to either return to sit with their parents or leave with our Children's Ministry Director Carla Lovell.

For those who choose to participate in in our children's worship experience, younger children (preschool-1st grade) stay with Ms. Carla in Room 110. Older elementary age children (2nd-4th grade) will go to room 103. Our teachers will use this time to explore the different aspects of worship in a fun and engaging way.

Again, children are always welcome to stay for the entire "big church" service. As they grow and mature, we encourage them to be part of the full worshipping community.

In consideration of others, please silence or turn off all cell phones and other electronic devices.

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