

First Presbyterian Church
Moundsville, West Virginia
The Order of Worship

Mission Statement

This Presbyterian family of believers exists to proclaim Christ through Worship, Evangelism, Loving Fellowship and Service

December 7, 2025 Second Sunday of Advent 10:45 A.M.

*Indicates for those who are able—to please stand

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

LIGHTING OF SECOND ADVENT CANDLE Ryan Rhodes
Leader: The season of Advent continues. We join with a hopeful multitude in the lighting of the Advent candles, symbols of our faith and signs of God’s love. Last Sunday we lighted the candle of HOPE, because we are a people of HOPE. Hope lives in us and will abide with us.

Today we light the candle of PEACE. In an age when people so seldom find peace within themselves, and when all the world seems in turmoil, we light a fire called PEACE. Peace that is not merely the absence of war and conflict, but peace that is the fullness of blessing for all. That is the peace for which we hope.

Christ comes to bring peace. In following Christ’s teaching we nurture our hope for peace today. In his name we light the candle of peace. We are preparing ourselves for the days when “the wolf shall lie down with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.”

(Light candle)

All: Let us walk in the light of God.

Praise Song Prepare the Way of the Lord

Call to Worship

L: Let us all give praise with gladness and joy.
P: This is our God, on whom we have waited for our salvation.
L: For the Lord is near to all who call upon God in love and truth.
P: The Lord is indeed our Help and the Holy One who delivers us.
L: Let us shout the message for all to hear of God’s mercy and grace.
All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*Hymn O Come, O Come, Emmanuel # 147

Offertory/Doxology/Prayer of Dedication

*Prayer of Confession
Lord, in so many ways You have sent us the message of Your salvation, yet we have been too busy to hear. In so many ways, even through the Christ, you have tried to show us Your Love, but we would not see. And so often You would have us share Your Love with others that You might bless the world through us, but we would not share it. Forgive us, Lord. (Silent Prayer of Confession) In Christ we pray. Amen

*Assurance of Pardon/Gloria Patri # 546

First Reading Isaiah 11:1-9

Hymn Hark, What a Sound # 150

Joys and Concerns of the People

Prayers of the People/the Lord's Prayer

Second Reading Matthew 3:1-12

Message

“Here Comes John Again

Rev. Alan Jeffries

*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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead; the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn The First Noel (vs 1-5) # 156

*Benediction/Postlude The First Noel (vs 6) # 156

Welcome to all visitors! We're glad you chose to share in the worship of our Lord with us. Please make yourself known to the Minister, sign our guest book in the Narthex and most important, come again.

Attendance (11-30-25) Worship – 28

Birthdays this week: Andrew Marchlenski (12-9); Dorothy Robinson (12-11)

Prayer cards received this week for: Barbara Blazer, Barbara Long, Lucille Strawn, John Kerns, Wayne McClintock, John Wagner, Sally & Mark Ritz, Jane Lipphardt, Lucy Scott, Liz Drew, Carol Wade, Charles Loy, Ann & Dick Border, David Blazer, Ralph Clark, Frankie Johnson, Bob & Cheryl Joseph, Dean Rhodes, Dave & Karen Ealy

Praise cards for: Sally & Mike Mitchell visiting for the holidays

Activities on calendar this week:

Sunday 2:00-Opus Concert at First Christian Church
Monday Secretary's vacation week
 1:00 Bible Study
 6:00-Opus Banquet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday No Tuesday Arts meeting this month

The Deacons serving for the month of December are Becky Cox, Ryan Rhodes, and Karen Ealy.

Loose offering collected next Sunday will be given to the Deacons to help with their projects.

The Deacons will meet following worship next Sunday, December 14.

Sunday school class will not be held until further notice.

The secretary will be on vacation 12-8 through 12-12.

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