

OPENING PRAYER: Patrick Field
God with us, Immanuel, comes to give us our own Holy Family, here with the body of Christ this day. Rejoice and be glad! **Amen.**

PRELUDE: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Smith
Adele Harrison, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Mark Juengel

INTROIT: Comfort, Comfort, Now My People
Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Patrick Field
Leader: Take time out to listen, For just a moment,
Women: Right now.
Men: *Listen quietly ...*
Leader: What do you hear?
Women: A baby’s cry?
Men: *The flipping of pages?*
Leader: The beating of your heart?
Women: The rush of traffic?
Men: *The jingle of bells?*
Leader: Take time out,
Women: For this moment,
Men: *To listen to your breath.*
Leader: Hear yourself inhale,
Women: Hear yourself exhale.
Men: *Take a moment to center*
Leader: Yourself, your soul, on listening.
Women: Who knows? If you
Men: *Listen quietly,*
Leader: And attentively,
Women: You may hear
Men: *The word of God,*
Leader: Spoken to you, for you,
ALL: TODAY!

***HYMN #136:** “Go Tell It On The Mountain”

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE (Love): Alesia Burton & Ava Bartleson

Reader #1: Today we will light the fourth candle in our Advent wreath.

Reader #2: Before we do that, we remember God’s blessings, symbolized by the candles of hope, peace and joy. *(Light the first three candles again.)*

Reader #1: The fourth candle helps us to remember that God is love. *(Light the fourth candle.)*

Reader #2: The Bible tells us that the greatest blessing is love. It is because God loved the world so much that Jesus came to share God’s love. Mary sings her song in praise of God’s love and goodness. Because God loves us, we must love and care for others.

Reader# 1: This candle reminds us to share our love with others through words and actions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the **Friendship Attendance Pad** at the end of the pews. This allows the church to be in touch with you and for you to greet your neighbor by name during the passing of peace during the service.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES - Wednesday, December 24th at 7:00pm.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING –We will receive this special offering **today** during the worship service.

ANNUAL REPORTS - The Annual reports are due. All committee chairs are required to submit a yearly report.

BIBLE STUDY – Bible Study will end on **December 18th** and will restart on **January 15th.**

2025 COOKIE WALK A BIG SUCCESS! - A huge thank you to our 38 bakers who baked over 9,000 cookies and provided 15 different specialty items for sale and to our 45 volunteers who either served on the committee or helped with the set-up or worked at the event on Saturday (many did all three). We celebrate you! Your generosity of time and spirit resulted in our making over \$6,000 this year which is a record - exceeding past years’ proceeds by approximately \$1500. Thank you all!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Please sign up in the vestibule to be an **Usher** and to host **Coffee Hour** and **Good News Café**. For **Liturgists** see *Adele Harrison* and to help with **Communion** see *Ann Marie Grilk*.

FRIENDLY REMINDER - The books will be closed on **December 31, 2025**

ATTENTION COMMUNITY - If you know someone who is hearing challenged and would like to enjoy worshipping with First Presbyterian Church, please have them contact the church office. We are able to make arrangements with a Sunday Interpreter. All they need is to let us know the date they will be here for 10:00am worship.

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK	
Monday, December 22nd 11:00am: Monday Small Group Study <i>(Cancelled)</i> 12:00pm: AA Meeting	Thursday, December 25th <i>Christmas Day</i> <i>(Office Closed)</i> 11:00am: Bible Study <i>(Cancelled)</i>
Tuesday, December 23rd 10:00: Handbell Choir 11:00am: Chancel Choir	Sunday, December 28th 10am: Worship
Wednesday, December 24th Christmas Eve 12:00pm: AA Meeting <i>7pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services</i>	

WORSHIP INFORMATION – DECEMBER & JANUARY 2026		
December Liturgist	December - Ushers	January – Communion Servers
12/21: Patrick Field	12/21: Robert Pinkney & Don Granza	(January 4th)
12/24: Brad Kiesendahl	12/24: Jill Juengel & Pat Gemeinhardt	Set Up & Clean Up: Alesia Burton
12/28: Jim Mould	12/28: Pat Gemeinhardt & Rebecca Lee	Servers: Alesia Burton Pat Gemeinhardt Becky Lee Kathy Smith Nancy Vignau

JOYS and CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF 12/21/2025

- *Prayers for Lynne Stack’s daughter, Donna.
- *Prayers for Jill J., who is recovering from surgery.
- *Prayers for Pat S., who is at Regional Hospital.
- *Prayers for Nancy B.
- *Prayers for the Decario family.
- *Prayers for Jennifer, friend of Alesia B .
- *Prayers for Nick, Patrick F.’s nephew.
- *Prayers for John H., son of Virginia R. who is recovering from surgery.
- *Prayers for Beth, friend of Linda K.
- *Prayers for Marcia J.
- *Prayers for Daniel.
- *Prayers for Jeremy, friend of Pat S.
- *Prayers for Missy, Pat B.’s daughter.
- *Prayers for Steve, Joe J’s brother-in-law.
- *Prayers for Bryan, Kathy& Dave S.’s son.
- *Prayers for the family members of Sue G. (Don, Susan & Eden).
- *Prayers for Phyllis N.
- *Prayers for Joe J.’s great-nephew, Jackson.
- *Prayers for Nancy B.’s son James.
- *Prayers for Sue B.

All: Loving God, thank you for expressing your love through the life of Jesus, through our lives, and the lives of those around us. Help us to remember that your love will never end. Amen.

RESPONSE: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” verse 1-4
O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lowly exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!

O come, O wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!

O come, O bright and morning star, and bring us comfort from afar!
Dispel the shadows of the night and turn our darkness into light.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!

O come, Desire of Nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven’s peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:
Merciful God, we are a people conditioned to measure truth by proof and evidence, by the testimony of witnesses and the testing of our knowledge. In Jesus Christ, you gave us evidence of your supreme love for us, yet we still refuse to accept it. We ignore your still, small voice. We dismiss your action in our lives as coincidence. We take credit for our blessings rather than receiving them as being from your hand. Scripture is a faithful witness to your grace, yet we fail to avail ourselves of its wisdom. We demand signs of your presence yet are so distracted by the pace of our lives that we never notice that you have, indeed, answered our prayer. Forgive us, Lord, we pray. Forgive our short attention spans, our insatiable desire for the new and glittery and our disdain for the old and familiar. Grant us the grace to be still, to listen and to respond to the leading of your Spirit. Amen.

KYRIE: Hear, our prayer, O Lord
Hear, our prayer, O Lord,
Incline Thine ear to us and grant us Thy peace.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS: Patrick Field
This saying is true and worthy of full acceptance: Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. Friends, hear the good news and believe: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Hallelujah! Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - HYMN #132:
“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”
Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Rev. Mark Juengel

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: Patrick Field
Holy God, as your Word is read and proclaimed, may we hear it with clarity, receive it with courage, and respond to it with conviction. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Romans 1:1-7 Patrick Field

SECOND LESSON: Isaiah 7:10-16 Rev. Mark Juengel

MUSIC MEDITATION: I Shall Know Him When He Comes Wagner
Chancel Choir

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

SERMON: “What’s Your Sign?” Rev. Mark Juengel

*HYMN #121: “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

INVITATION TO OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY: O Little Town of Bethlehem arr. Wells
Adele Harrison, organ

*DOXOLOGY: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

*HYMN #140: “Once in Royal David’s City”

THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Go Tell It on the Mountain” arr. Hayes
Matthew Rupcich, piano

First Presbyterian Church
of Hawley

“Come to Grow in Love, Spirit, and Faith”



December 21, 2025
10 AM

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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“Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel.”
Isaiah 7:14

Please take time to prepare for worship through meditation and prayer during the prelude. As the prelude begins, quiet your voice and soul. With music and prayer let us move from “getting to church” to “being the church” as we worship together.