



## First Presbyterian Church

201 S. High St.  
Kirksville, MO

**November 30, 2025 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

### **We Gather to Worship**

Prelude

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

**Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,**

that we may learn God’s ways and walk in God’s paths. Our feet are standing within your gates,  
O Jerusalem.

**Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!**

\*Gathering Prayer

\*Hymn 108    *“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”* (vs. 1, 2, 3, 6)

Advent Candle Lighting

Summers Family

Hymn            *“A Candle is Burning”* (verse 1)

See Insert

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of night and day, there is no shadow that can conceal our sin from you and no secret that you will not bring to light. For our reveling and drunkenness, forgive us, O God. For our debauchery and licentiousness, forgive us, O God. For our quarreling and jealousy, forgive us, O God. O God, forgive us our sins, renew us in love, and teach us to live in a way that brings honor and glory to your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

\*Response

*“Glory be to the Father”*

Hymn 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.

**We Listen to God’s Word**

\*Prayer of Illumination

**O God of our people and Lord of every nation, let your Word ring out from the mountains  
and your Spirit shine forth in the earth, so that all may hear your teaching and all may do  
your will; through Jesus Christ our peace. Amen.**

\*Song of Preparation

*“Lord, Prepare Me”*

Hymn 701

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.

Scripture:

Old Testament Lesson	<i>Isaiah 2:1-5</i>	Old Testament pg 631
New Testament Lesson	<i>Romans 13:11-14</i>	New Testament pg 162
Psalter	<i>Psalms 122</i>	Old Testament pg 571

(The congregation will respond by reading the even numbered verses)

Gospel Lesson	<i>Matthew 24:36-44</i>	New Testament pg 27
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Message

“I really need to clean the house”

Dr. Paul Yoder

\*Hymn 352 *“My Lord! What a Morning”*

**We Respond in Faith**

\*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 on 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.**

\*Response

*“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”*

Hymn 469

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your spirit in this place.  
Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

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.**

Opportunities for Ministry

**White Gift Service** - The White Gift Service will be next Sunday, December 7th. Gifts this year will be going to the Clothes Closet. Suggested items: Full size laundry detergent, full size hygiene products, new blankets and gloves, as well as food kits.

**Pantry for Adair County** - PAC is collecting for its annual Blessing Boxes they hand out in December to all families visiting the pantry. Their goal is 600 boxes which costs around \$9,000. Any monetary donations above the \$9,000 will be used to buy food for the pantry. We are also doing the monthly collection of Peanut Butter.

**Church Office Closure** - The church office remains closed at this time, but please feel free to call Becky on her cell phone or reach her via the church email: [office@presbykv.org](mailto:office@presbykv.org).

**Clothes Closet** - The Clothes Closet is in need of clothing donations as well as volunteers to work when they are open on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

**Poinsettias** - If you would like a poinsettia in memory of someone, please let Becky know. If I don't hear from you, it will not be included on the poinsettia memorial insert. The cost will be \$10/poinsettia.

**Presbyterian Youth Fellowship** - PYF will be meeting this evening from 5:00-8:00 p.m. for blanket making for the Clothes Closet Christmas Shoppe. Dinner will be served from 5:00-5:30, with the blanket making starting around 5:30. All middle school and high school youth are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Christmas Joy Offering** - It's our goal to assist church workers and their families in their time of critical, financial need and students of color in their time of promise — opening doors for healing and doors for opportunity. If you wish to donate, please put your donation in a pew envelope labeled Joy Offering or put Joy Offering in the memo section of your check. For more information visit: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/christmas-joy/>. The last Sunday to donate to this offering will be December 28th.

Offering

*\*Doxology*

Hymn 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*\*Prayer of Dedication*

*\*Hymn 384 "Soon and Very Soon"*

1st Sunday of Advent

**We Depart to Serve**

Charge and Blessing

Sung Benediction Hymn 136 *“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”* (vs. 3)

Postlude

**Weekly Calendar**

**Sunday, November 30 - Dr. Paul Yoder**

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School; 10:00 a.m. - Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. – Worship; 5:00 p.m. - PYF

**Tuesday, December 2**

9:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet Sorting Group; 1:00 p.m. - Clothes Open to Organizations

**Wednesday, December 3**

6:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, December 4**

5:15 p.m. - Deacon’s Meeting

**Sunday, December 7 - White Gift Service**

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School; 10:00 a.m. - Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. – Worship

**Tuesday, December 9**

9:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet Sorting Group; 1:00 p.m. - Clothes Open to General Public;

7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

**Wednesday, December 10**

6:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, December 13**

9:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet Christmas Shoppe

**Attendance November 23, 2025**

In person – 27

Online – 2

**Church Office Hours This Week**

Church office closed

**December Food of the Month for PAC**

Blessing Boxes

**Fellowship Time**

Today - “Thanksgiving Brunch”

Next Sunday - First Feast

## Of the Father's Love Begotten 108



1 Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be - gan  
 2 By his Word was all cre - at - ed; he com-mand-ed; it  
 3 O, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed when the Vir - gin, full  
 4 This is he whom seers in old time chant-ed of with one  
 5 O ye heights of heaven, a - dore him. An - gel hosts, his prais -  
 6 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost,



to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga; he the  
 was done: heaven and earth and depths of o - cean, u - ni -  
 of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the  
 ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets prom-ised  
 es sing. Powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him, and ex -  
 to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks-giv - ing and un -



source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that  
 verse of three in one, all that sees the moon's soft  
 Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's Re -  
 in their faith - ful word. Now he shines, the long - ex -  
 tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be  
 wea - ried prais - es be. Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,  
 shin - ing, all that breathes be - neath the sun,  
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,  
 pect - ed. Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord,  
 si - lent; ev - ery voice in con - cert ring,  
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry,

(after stanza 6)



ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

Seldom has the wonder of the Incarnation been expressed so beautifully as in this text, created in the era when the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds were being codified and mindful of similar theological affirmations. It is set here to a plainchant melody from the late Middle Ages.

## **A Candle is Burning**

**sung to the tune of "Away in a Manger"**

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright, A  
candle of HOPE in November's dark night  
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,  
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh

A candle is burning, a candle of PEACE, A  
candle to signal that conflict must cease For  
Jesus is coming to show us the way  
A message of peace humbly laid in the hay

A candle is burning, a candle of JOY,  
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy Our  
hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow  
As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow

A candle is burning, a candle of LOVE, A  
candle to point us to heaven above  
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth  
for Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.

We honor Messiah with Christ's candle flame Our  
Christmas Eve candles glad tidings proclaim O  
Come, all you faithful, rejoice in this night  
As God comes among us, the Christian's true light.

## Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of the musical score is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The melody in the treble staff begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, and a half note B. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a half note G, a quarter note A, and a half note B, followed by a quarter rest and a half note G. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a half note G, a quarter note A, and a half note B, followed by a quarter rest and a half note G. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The treble staff features a half note G, a quarter note A, and a half note B, followed by a quarter rest and a half note G. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment, ending with a double bar line.

## Lord, Prepare Me

701

Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and

ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,

I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

The lines given here convey the central message of the longer song for which they form the refrain. The principal Scripture reference is 1 Corinthians 3:16–17, Paul's reminder to the Christians at Corinth that "[they] are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in [them]."

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## 352 My Lord! What a Morning

Refrain

My Lord! what a morn - ing; my Lord! what a morn - ing;

O my Lord! what a morn - ing, when the stars be - gin to

*Fine*  
fall, when the stars be - gin to fall. 1 You will hear the trum - pet  
2 You will hear the sin - ner  
3 You will hear the Chris - tian

sound  
cry, shout, to wake the na - tions un - der ground,

*to Refrain*  
look - ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be - gin to fall.

This spiritual reflects on Jesus' saying about the endtimes as recorded in Matthew 24:29–30/Mark 13:24–26. It belongs to the slower, less common style of spirituals with long, sustained phrases and was among those popularized in concerts by the Fisk Jubilee Singers.

# Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 469

Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing. Lord, send your

The first system of music is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The melody in the treble clef begins with a half note chord (Bb4, Eb5), followed by a quarter note chord (Bb4, Eb5), then a quarter note chord (Bb4, Eb5), and a quarter note chord (Bb4, Eb5). The bass line in the bass clef begins with a half note chord (Bb3, Eb4), followed by a quarter note chord (Bb3, Eb4), then a quarter note chord (Bb3, Eb4), and a quarter note chord (Bb3, Eb4).

Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren

The second system of music continues the melody and bass line. The melody in the treble clef begins with a half note chord (Bb4, Eb5), followed by a quarter note chord (Bb4, Eb5), then a quarter note chord (Bb4, Eb5), and a quarter note chord (Bb4, Eb5). The bass line in the bass clef begins with a half note chord (Bb3, Eb4), followed by a quarter note chord (Bb3, Eb4), then a quarter note chord (Bb3, Eb4), and a quarter note chord (Bb3, Eb4).

pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

The third system of music concludes the chorus. The melody in the treble clef begins with a half note chord (Bb4, Eb5), followed by a quarter note chord (Bb4, Eb5), then a quarter note chord (Bb4, Eb5), and a quarter note chord (Bb4, Eb5). The bass line in the bass clef begins with a half note chord (Bb3, Eb4), followed by a quarter note chord (Bb3, Eb4), then a quarter note chord (Bb3, Eb4), and a quarter note chord (Bb3, Eb4).

This chorus from a longer song has become a popular sung prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit. Easily memorized, it makes a very suitable sung response at appropriate points during a series of prayer concerns or with repeated singing can open or close a time of prayer.

## 606

# Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

## Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise \*him, all crea-tures

here be-low; praise \*him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

*\*Or "God"*

## 384 Soon and Very Soon

1 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.  
 2 No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.  
 3 No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.  
 4 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.

Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.  
 No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.  
 No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.  
 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.

Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.  
 No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.  
 No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.  
 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're going to see the King!

This spirited African American gospel hymn draws on John's vision of the new heaven and the new earth in Revelation 21:3-4, with its wonderful promise that God will wipe away the tears from all eyes, that death will be no longer, and that there will be no more mourning or pain.

## 136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain  $\text{♩} = \text{♩}^3 \text{♩}$ 

Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

*Fine*

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when lo! a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

*to Refrain*

Like other material from oral traditions, 19th-century African American spirituals flourished without being written down. Their refrains were their most stable parts, and narrative stanzas were often improvised to fit. These Nativity stanzas attempt to recall that tradition.