

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025 ~ 11:00 AM WORSHIP

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, lean, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of Thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life which Thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen. ~Book of Common Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Andrew Newman

Introit

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Call to Worship

Psalm 98:4-6

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; break forth and sing for joy and sing praises. Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout joyfully before the King, the LORD.

§ Psalm

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

No. 195

§ Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Pastor Newman

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61:1-11

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners; to proclaim the favorable year of the LORD and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, to grant those who mourn in Zion, giving them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting. So they will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

Then they will rebuild the ancient ruins, they will raise up the former devastations; and they will repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations. Strangers will stand and pasture your flocks, and foreigners will be your farmers and your vinedressers. But you will be called the priests of the LORD; you will be spoken of as ministers of our God. You will eat the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast. Instead of your shame you will have a double portion, and instead of humiliation they will shout for joy over their portion. Therefore they will possess a double portion in their land, everlasting joy will be theirs. For I, the LORD, love justice, I hate robbery in the burnt offering; and I will faithfully give them their recompense and make an everlasting covenant with them. Then their offspring will be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples. All who see them will recognize them because they are the offspring whom the LORD has blessed.

I will rejoice greatly in the LORD, my soul will exult in my God; for He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes the things sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

§ Hymn

Tell Out My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

No. 26

stanzas 1, 2, & 4

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming with Of the Father's Love Begotten

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming as saints of old have sung. It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.

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Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half-spent was the night.

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the world began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He, of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!

Prayer of Petition and Supplication

Elder Tim Taylor

§ Hymn

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

No. 229

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:39-56

Pew Bible page 1019

³⁹Now at this time Mary arose and went in a hurry to the hill country, to a city of Judah, ⁴⁰and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴²And she cried out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!" ⁴³And how has it happened to me, that the mother of my Lord would come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken to her by the Lord."

⁴⁶And Mary said:

"My soul exalts the Lord,
⁴⁷And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.
⁴⁸"For He has had regard for the humble state of His bonds slave;
For behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed.
⁴⁹"For the Mighty One has done great things for me;
And holy is His name.
⁵⁰"AND HIS MERCY IS UPON GENERATION AFTER GENERATION
TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM.
⁵¹"He has done mighty deeds with His arm;
He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their heart.
⁵²"He has brought down rulers from their thrones,
And has exalted those who were humble.
⁵³"HE HAS FILLED THE HUNGRY WITH GOOD THINGS;
And sent away the rich empty-handed.
⁵⁴"He has given help to Israel His servant,
In remembrance of His mercy,
⁵⁵As He spoke to our fathers,
To Abraham and his descendants forever."

⁵⁶And Mary stayed with her about three months, and then returned to her home.

Proclamation of God's Word

Magnificat

Pastor Marty Martin

§ Hymn

What Child Is This

No. 213

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

§ Doxology

No. 733

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

§ Benediction

§ Corporate "Amen"

§ The congregation will please stand.

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6:00 PM WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Zephaniah 3:14-15

Shout for joy, O daughter of Zion!
Shout in triumph, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!
The LORD has taken away His judgments against you,
He has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
You will fear disaster no more.

§ Hymn

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

No. 207

§ Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Pastor Marty Martin

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 25:15-28

By forbearance a ruler may be persuaded, and a soft tongue breaks the bone. Have you found honey? Eat only what you need, that you not have it in excess and vomit it. Let your foot rarely be in your neighbor's house, or he will become weary of you and hate you. Like a club and a sword and a sharp arrow is a man who bears false witness against his neighbor. Like a bad tooth and an unsteady foot is confidence in a faithless man in time of trouble. Like one who takes off a garment on a cold day, or like vinegar on soda, is he who sings songs to a troubled heart. If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink; for you will heap burning coals on his head, and the LORD will reward you. The north wind brings forth rain, and a backbiting tongue, an angry countenance. It is better to live in a corner of the roof than in a house shared with a contentious woman. Like cold water to a weary soul, so is good news from a distant land. Like a trampled spring and a polluted well is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked. It is not good to eat much honey, nor is it glory to search out one's own glory. Like a city that is broken into and without walls is a man who has no control over his spirit.

§ Hymn

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

No. 193

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Still, Still, Still

Aria Reini, piano

Prayer of Confession, Petition, and Intercession

Pastor Martin

§ Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

No. 194

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 7:10-17

Pew Bible page 690

¹⁰Then the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹"Ask a sign for yourself from the LORD your God; make it deep as Sheol or high as heaven." ¹²But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, nor will I test the LORD!" ¹³Then he said, "Listen now, O house of David! Is it too slight a thing for you to try the patience of men, that you will try the patience of my God as well? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel. ¹⁵He will eat curds and honey at the time He knows enough to refuse evil and choose good. ¹⁶For before the boy will know enough to refuse evil and choose good, the land whose two kings you dread will be forsaken. ¹⁷"The LORD will bring on you, on your people, and on your father's house such days as have never come since the day that Ephraim separated from Judah, the king of Assyria."

Proclamation of God's Word

The Child Emmanuel

Pastor Andrew Newman

§ Hymn

Thou Dost Reign on High

No. 241

§ Benediction

December 7, 2025—Nursery Schedule:

11:00 AM Infant Nursery: Nancy Jurik & Angie Frengel; Alternate: Tami Gardinier
11:00 AM Toddler Nursery: Katie & Adaya Moses
6:00 PM Evening Nursery: Emma Taylor & Steve Lawton

December 14, 2025—Nursery Schedule:

11:00 AM Infant Nursery: Cindy Worley & Tiffani Medlin; Alternate: Marije Alford
11:00 AM Toddler Nursery: Jennifer & Charlie or Addis Carter
6:00 PM Evening Nursery: Chole & Lila Triplett

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THE SESSION:
Teaching Elder: Pastor Martin H. Martin
Ruling Elders: Craig Bouvier, Terry Richards,
Tim Taylor, Jeff Wayne, Sr.
Elder of the Month: Tim Taylor

THE DIACONATE:
Deacons: Pat DeJong, Jared Farquhar, Dave Frengel,
Brian Medlin, Kelly Peterson, Philip Triplett
Deacon of the Week: Dave Frengel

ASSISTANT PASTOR: Pastor Andrew Newman

COORDINATOR OF PASTORAL CARE: Pastor Peter Spink

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES: Steve Lawton

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR: Jeff Wayne, Sr.

CHURCH INTERN: Greg Horsky

ACCOMPANISTS:
Piano, Beverly Brouwer and Cathy Lawton; Organ, Sheryl Farquhar

MISSIONARIES & BENEVOLENCE MINISTRIES:

Rev. & Mrs. Albert Kona—Albania	Rev. & Mrs. Mark Kuo—Taiwan
Rev & Mrs. Alonzo Ramirez—Peru	Rev. & Mrs. Gary Watanabe—Tokyo
Rev. & Mrs. Todd Crusey—London	Rev. & Mrs. Rob Hamby—Daniel Island
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Rev. & Mrs. Mikael Romer—Poland/ Ukraine	Rev. & Mrs. Vinicius Pimentel—Brazil
Greenville Theological Seminary	Gospel Reformation Network
Greer Community Ministries	Covenant College
Miracle Hill Ministries	Samaritan’s Purse/Operation Christmas Child

November 2025 General Fund Summary*

Date:	General Fund Giving:	General Fund Expenses:	General Fund Net Total:
Nov 2025	\$70,684.78	\$75,849.92	(\$5,165.14)
	Building Fund Total as of 7/01/2025: \$765,628.76		
	Building Fund Total as of 11/30/2025: 796,549.76		
	*For a full Financial Report, please contact the church office or speak to an Officer.		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pew Cards: *If you are new to Fellowship, please help us get to know you by filling out a pew card and dropping it in the offering plate. ~Thank you!*

Lessons & Carols—Next Sunday, December 14, 6:00 PM
Special Prelude Music—5:45 PM!
*Plan to join us for our traditional service of **Lessons & Carols** (Scripture readings, special music, and congregational carols). **Remember to arrive early to enjoy the special prelude music** and to focus your heart particularly on Christ’s incarnation.*

Christmas Reception—Following Lessons & Carols
(heavy hors d’oeuvres & Christmas desserts)
*Please sign up online (fellowshippres.org/calendar) to bring: a tray of **heavy hors d’oeuvres** or your favorite **Christmas dessert**. ~Thank you!*

Christmas Eve Service—Wednesday, December 24, 5:00 PM
Nursery will not be provided for our Christmas Eve Service. You are welcome to bring infants & children into the service.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated today, during morning worship.
Reminder: Wine is in the tinted cups; grape juice is in the clear cups; the unleavened bread in the center cups is gluten and dairy free.

No Wednesday supper, prayer service, or classes this week. All Wednesday night activities will resume January 7.

Adult Sunday School classes, 10:00 am: Joshua (Fellowship Hall); James (sanctuary)

Youth Teaching & Events:

- New Sunday School class, “Counterfeits to Christianity”, begins today, 10:00 am.
- Christmas Party at the Newmans: Saturday, December 13, 5:00—8:00 pm.

Young Adults Ugly Sweater & White Elephant Christmas Party—Saturday, December 13, 7:00 pm, at the home of Brian and Tiffani Medlin. **Please bring a gift (limit \$20)** if you would like to participate in the white elephant gift exchange.

Thursday, December 18, 6:00 pm, there will be a **prayer meeting at the church specifically to pray for unsaved** friends and family members. **We will have a time of fellowship from 6:00—6:30 pm,** followed by prayer from 6:30 pm until we’re finished. If you would like us to pray for someone but cannot attend, please contact Sheri Bouvier.

New Inquirers’ Class: Friday Evening & Saturday Morning, January 16 & 17: This **two-day Inquirers’ Class, taught by Pastor Martin,** is an opportunity for **newcomers** and **those considering membership** to learn more about who we are, what we believe, and how we seek to serve. **Sign up in the narthex or online (fellowshippres.org/calendar).** **Childcare is available (sign up for childcare is requested).**

<u>Friday, January 16:</u>	<u>Saturday, January 17:</u>
5:30 pm: Catered supper (from Taziki’s); <u>sign-up requested.</u>	8:45 am: coffee, tea, & donuts
6:30-8:30 pm: Inquirers’ Class Sessions 1 & 2	9:00-12 noon: Inquirers’ Class Sessions 3-5

Communicant’s Class: Sunday afternoons, 4:30—5:30 pm, beginning January 11—March 1:
Please note: This class is taught on a middle school level, for children ages 10 to 14. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Newman.



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

December 7, 2025

Our purpose is to glorify the Triune God by reconciling the lost to Him through faith in Jesus Christ and equipping the saints to serve Him in every area of life.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19; Matthew 28:19-20