

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025 ~ 11:00 AM WORSHIP

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at Thy first coming didst send Thy messenger to prepare Thy way before Thee: grant that the ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Thy coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen. ~Book of Common Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Marty Martin

Introit

Come, Come Emmanuel
Children's Choir

Call to Worship

Micah 5:1-5

“Now muster yourselves in troops, daughter of troops; they have laid siege against us; with a rod they will smite the judge of Israel on the cheek. But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity.” Therefore He will give them up until the time when she who is in labor has borne a child. Then the remainder of His brethren will return to the sons of Israel. And He will arise and shepherd His flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD His God. And they will remain, because at that time He will be great to the ends of the earth. This One will be our peace. when the Assyrian invades our land, when he tramples on our citadels, then we will raise against him seven shepherds and eight leaders of men.

§ **Hymn**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

No. 208

§ **Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

Pastor Andrew Newman

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

“Comfort, O comfort My people,” says your God. “Speak kindly to Jerusalem; and call out to her, that her warfare has ended, that her iniquity has been removed, that she has received of the LORD’s hand double for all her sins.”

A voice is calling, “Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness; make smooth in the desert a highway for our God. Let every valley be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; and let the rough ground become a plain, and the rugged terrain a broad valley; then the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all flesh will see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.” A voice says, “Call out.” Then he answered, “What shall I call out?” All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.

Get yourself up on a high mountain, O Zion, bearer of good news, lift up your voice mightily, O Jerusalem, bearer of good news; lift it up, do not fear. Say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!” Behold, the Lord GOD will come with might, with His arm ruling for Him. Behold, His reward is with Him and His recompense before Him. Like a shepherd He will tend His flock, in His arm He will gather the lambs and carry them in His bosom; He will gently lead the nursing ewes.

§ **Hymn**

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

No. 197

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

In Bethlehem

Though the road was long, the time drew near, Heaven's King on earth would soon appear. Yet, no bed prepared, no waiting crown, just a stable near the edge of town. Here the Child was born so far from home to those humble travelers all alone. So they whispered low their soft amen, on that lonely night in Bethlehem.

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Come behold the shepherds, oft unseen, chosen first to look though rough, unclean. 'Tis the Christ! Now peace on earth begins; He will save His people from their sins. See our Mighty God has done great things! Hear the angel hosts His glories sing and repeat the sounding joy again on that holy night in Bethlehem.

You are worthy, Jesus, Lord of all, stooping down to grace that cattle stall. You did not recoil to meet us there, all our weakness, shame and grief to share. So bring down the mighty from their seat; gently lift the humble to their feet, that we all would at your manger bend to behold that sight in Bethlehem.

Prayer of Petition and Supplication

Pastor Newman

§ **Hymn**

Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor

No. 230

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:57-80

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⁵⁷Now the time had come for Elizabeth to give birth, and she gave birth to a son. ⁵⁸Her neighbors and her relatives heard that the Lord had displayed His great mercy toward her; and they were rejoicing with her.

⁵⁹And it happened that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to call him Zacharias, after his father. ⁶⁰But his mother answered and said, “No indeed; but he shall be called John.” ⁶¹And they said to her, “There is no one among your relatives who is called by that name.” ⁶²And they made signs to his father, as to what he wanted him called. ⁶³And he asked for a tablet and wrote as follows, “His name is John.” And they were all astonished. ⁶⁴And at once his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he began to speak in praise of God. ⁶⁵Fear came on all those living around them; and all these matters were being talked about in all the hill country of Judea. ⁶⁶All who heard them kept them in mind, saying, “What then will this child turn out to be?” For the hand of the Lord was certainly with him.

⁶⁷And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying:

⁶⁸“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
For He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people,
⁶⁹And has raised up a horn of salvation for us
In the house of David His servant—

⁷⁰As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old—

⁷¹Salvation FROM OUR ENEMIES,
And FROM THE HAND OF ALL WHO HATE US;

⁷²To show mercy toward our fathers,
And to remember His holy covenant,

⁷³The oath which He swore to Abraham our father,

⁷⁴To grant us that we, being rescued from the hand of our enemies,
Might serve Him without fear,

⁷⁵In holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.

⁷⁶“And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
For you will go on BEFORE THE LORD TO PREPARE HIS WAYS;

⁷⁷To give to His people the knowledge of salvation
By the forgiveness of their sins,

⁷⁸Because of the tender mercy of our God,

With which the Sunrise from on high will visit us,

⁷⁹TO SHINE UPON THOSE WHO SIT IN DARKNESS AND THE SHADOW OF DEATH,
To guide our feet into the way of peace.”

⁸⁰And the child continued to grow and to become strong in spirit, and he lived in the deserts until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

Proclamation of God’s Word

Pastor Martin

Benedictus

§ **Hymn**

O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart’s Desire

No. 161

§ **Benediction**

§ **Corporate “Amen”**

§ *The congregation will please stand.*

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Tonight!

*Lessons
and
Carols*

*5:45 pm—Special Musical Prelude
6:00 pm—Service of Lessons & Carols*



This service includes Scripture readings, special music, and congregational carols; a Christmas reception (heavy hors d'oeuvres & Christmas desserts) will follow the service.

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!

TONIGHT! Lessons & Carols, 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 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.



FELLOWSHIP

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

December 14, 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

December 14, 2025—Nursery Schedule:

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

December 21, 2025—Nursery Schedule:

11:00 AM Infant Nursery: Julie Worley & Rachel Preston; Alternate: Brittany Reini
11:00 AM Toddler Nursery: Paula Mackintosh & Katie West
6:00 PM Evening Nursery: Sarah & Monet Mothersbaugh

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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: Pat DeJong

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. Alonzo Ramirez—Peru
Rev. & Mrs. Todd Crusey—London
Rev. & Mrs. John Blevins—NW Knoxville
Rev. & Mrs. Mikael Romer—Poland/ Ukraine
Greenville Theological Seminary
Greer Community Ministries
Miracle Hill Ministries

Rev. & Mrs. Mark Kuo—Taiwan
Rev. & Mrs. Gary Watanabe—Tokyo
Rev. & Mrs. Rob Hamby—Daniel Island
Rev. & Mrs. Miguel D'Azevedo—Okinawa
Rev. & Mrs. Vinicius Pimentel—Brazil
Gospel Reformation Network
Covenant College
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.

The PCA Christmas Offering, which is used "to assist PCA retired and disabled pastors, missionaries, church lay workers, their widows and dependent children," will be received now through **Sunday, December 28**. Please mark your checks or envelopes "PCA Christmas Offering."

Lord's Day Prayer Group, Sundays, 9:30 am; all are welcome

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: New Sunday School class, "Counterfeits to Christianity", 10:00 am.

Men's Bible Study (Romans), Monday, January 5, 7:00 pm, at the church

Ladies' Precepts Bible Study of Galatians begins **Tuesday, January 20, 9:45 AM**. Childcare is available. **Book cost is \$15** (In & Out version) or **\$17** (Precepts). Sign up sheet is in the narthex; contact Wendy Richards for more information.

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).

Friday, January 16:

5:30 pm: Catered supper (from Taziki's); **sign-up requested**.
6:30—8:30 pm: Inquirers' Class Sessions 1 & 2

Saturday, January 17:

8:45 am: coffee, tea, & donuts
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 at a middle school level, for children ages 10 to 14. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Newman.