

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025 ~ 11:00 AM WORSHIP

Almighty God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ promised to come again to receive His people unto Himself: keep us ever watchful for His glorious appearing. Help us to set our affection on things above, and to live as those who wait for their Lord; that when He shall appear we may be made like unto Him, and see Him as He is, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. ~Book of Common Worship

Welcome and Announcements *Pastor Marty Martin*

Introit *While by the Sheep We Watched at Night*

Call to Worship *Luke 2:13-14*

And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

§ **Hymn** *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* No. 203

§ **Prayer of Adoration and Invocation** *Pastor Andrew Newman*

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 60:1-9*

"Arise, shine; for your light has come,
And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
"For behold, darkness will cover the earth
And deep darkness the peoples;
But the LORD will rise upon you
And His glory will appear upon you.
"Nations will come to your light,
And kings to the brightness of your rising.
"Lift up your eyes round about and see;
They all gather together, they come to you.
Your sons will come from afar,
And your daughters will be carried in the arms.
"Then you will see and be radiant,
And your heart will thrill and rejoice;
Because the abundance of the sea will be turned to you,
The wealth of the nations will come to you.
"A multitude of camels will cover you,
The young camels of Midian and Ephah;
All those from Sheba will come;
They will bring gold and frankincense,
And will bear good news of the praises of the LORD.
"All the flocks of Kedar will be gathered together to you,
The rams of Nebaioth will minister to you;
They will go up with acceptance on My altar,
And I shall glorify My glorious house.
"Who are these who fly like a cloud
And like the doves to their lattices?
"Surely the coastlands will wait for Me;
And the ships of Tarshish *will come* first,
To bring your sons from afar,
Their silver and their gold with them,
For the name of the LORD your God,
And for the Holy One of Israel because He has glorified you."

§ **Hymn** *See, amid the Winter's Snow* No. 199

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Sussex Carol*

On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring, news of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad; when from our sin He set us free, all for to gain our liberty.

When sin departs before His grace, then life and health come in its place. Angels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night, "Glory to God in highest heaven, now and for evermore," Amen!

Prayer of Petition and Supplication *Pastor Newman*

§ **Hymn** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* No. 216

Scripture Reading *Luke 2:1-20* Pew Bible page 1020

¹Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. ²This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city. ⁴Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, ⁵in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. ⁶While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

⁸In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; ¹¹for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

¹⁵When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. ¹⁷When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

Proclamation of God's Word *Pastor Martin*

Unexpected Company

§ **Hymn** *Angels We Have Heard on High* No. 214

§ **Benediction**

§ **Corporate "Amen"**

§ *The congregation will please stand.*
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6:00 PM WORSHIP

Introit *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
Children's Choir; Sheryl Farquhar, director; Beverly Brouwer, piano

Call to Worship *Matthew 1:20-21*

§ **Hymn** *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* No. 218

§ **Prayer of Adoration and Invocation** *Pastor Marty Martin*

New Testament Reading *Matthew 4:12-25*

Now when Jesus heard that John had been taken into custody, He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth, He came and settled in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: "THE LAND OF ZEBULUN AND THE LAND OF NAPHTALI, BY THE WAY OF THE SEA, BEYOND THE JORDAN, GALILEE OF THE GENTILES— THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SITTING IN DARKNESS SAW A GREAT LIGHT, AND THOSE WHO WERE SITTING IN THE LAND AND SHADOW OF DEATH, UPON THEM A LIGHT DAWNED."

From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Now as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. Going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people.

The news about Him spread throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all who were ill, those suffering with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, paralytics; and He healed them. Large crowds followed Him from Galilee and the Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and from beyond the Jordan.

§ **Hymn** *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* No. 223

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *In the Bleak Midwinter*
Aubrae Wagner, harp

Prayer of Confession, Petition, and Intercession *Pastor Martin*

§ **Hymn** *Once in Royal David's City* No. 225

Scripture Reading *Isaiah 9:1-7* Pew Bible page 692

¹But there will be no more gloom for her who was in anguish; in earlier times He treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but later on He shall make it glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles.

²The people who walk in darkness will see a great light; those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them. ³You shall multiply the nation, You shall increase their gladness; they will be glad in Your presence as with the gladness of harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. ⁴For You shall break the yoke of their burden and the staff on their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, as at the battle of Midian. ⁵For every boot of the booted warrior in the battle tumult, and cloak rolled in blood, will be for burning, fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

Proclamation of God's Word *Pastor Andrew Newman*
The Light of Hope

§ **Hymn** *To Us a Child of Hope Is Born* No. 233

§ **Benediction**

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!

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 and children into the service.

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.”**

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: Sunday School, “Counterfeits to Christianity,” 10:00 am.

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

Ladies’ Winter & Spring Bible Studies (newcomers are welcome in all studies!):

- **Isaiah Study— meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:00 pm, at the home of Brittany Reini.** This study will utilize Sarah Ivill’s “Isaiah Study”, available on Amazon or Reformation Heritage Books. Please let Brittany know if childcare is a hindrance.
- **1, 2, & 3 John— meets every Thursday, 10:30 am, at the church, beginning January 8.** This study utilizes John Stott’s “The Letters of John,” available on Amazon.
- **Precepts Study of 1 Peter 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; for more information, contact Wendy Richards.

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, 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.

Family Friendly Hike at Paris Mountain State Park, Saturday, January 24, 10:00 am. Hot beverages and light lunch provided at 11:00 am. **If you need a day pass to the park, RSVP to Emma Arrison by January 15;** if you do not need a day pass, you do not need to RSVP that early.

Christmas Week Office Hours: The office will be open 9 am—12 noon on Mon & Tues (Dec 22 & 23) and closed Wed—Fri (Dec 24—26). **New Year’s Week Office Hours:** the office will be open 9 am—12 noon on Tue & Wed (Dec 29—30), and closed Wed—Fri (Dec 31—Jan 2).

Please Be Aware! Several members have recently received fraudulent phone calls from individuals impersonating church staff and soliciting donations. **These, along with fraudulent texts or emails, are scams designed to trick people into making payments or purchasing gift cards.** If you receive a phone call, text, or email like this, **do not respond.** Hang up immediately or delete the text/email. There is no danger in simply opening a message or answering a call, but do not engage with the caller or sender. **Please remember** that Pastor Martin, the Elders, Deacons, and church staff will **never** request funds in this manner. If you receive a suspicious message or call, **notify the church office.**

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: Sara & Monet Mothersbaugh

December 28, 2025—Nursery Schedule:

11:00 AM Infant Nursery: Becky Taylor & Sara Wortman; Alternate: Debbie Spink
11:00 AM Toddler Nursery: Julie Evans & Mary Horsky
6:00 PM Evening Nursery: Brandy & Philip Triplett

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Prayer Requests: prayer@fellowshippres.org Announcements: announcements@fellowshippres.org

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: Philip Triplett

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
Rev. & Mrs. John Blevins—NW Knoxville	Rev & Mrs. Miguel D’Azevedo—Okinawa
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.



FELLOWSHIP

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

December 21, 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