

# The Lord’s Day Morning

December 14, 2025  
Ten Forty-Five O'clock

## Welcome

**+Prelude**..... James Southbridge  
“Of the Father's Love Begotten”

**Call to Worship** ..... Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

## Prayer for God’s Grace in our Worship

**\*+Hymn of Adoration 208** ..... ADESTE FIDELES  
“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

**\*Affirmation of Faith**..... The Apostles’ Creed (150 AD)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell<sup>†</sup>.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church\*,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

<sup>†</sup>This “descent clause” is a summary statement of Christ’s passion, death, and burial.  
<sup>\*</sup>i.e., the universal Christian Church

## Congregational Confession of Sin

Oh Lord, you are Immanuel, God with us forever. At the creation of the world, you already were. You were with God and you were God. You became flesh and tented among us and showed forth the glory of

the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.  
You, the only God at the Father’s side, have made God known to us.

Forgive us for all the ways we have ignored your glory, your grace and your truth. Forgive us when we have failed to rejoice in your coming. Forgive us when we have failed to adore you as the wise men did. Forgive us that we have not loved you with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind and all our strength. We continue to trust in you alone for our salvation, our King, our Shepherd and our Redeemer. Amen.

Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:21-23; John 1:1, 14, 18; Luke 2:14; Matthew 2:11; Deuteronomy 6:5

## Private Confession of Sin

**Assurance of Pardon** ..... Hebrews 10:19-23

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

**\*+Hymn of Response 213** ..... GREENSLEEVES  
“What Child Is This?”

## Receiving of New Members

Christy Mroz & Branson Mroz  
Dan & Ashton Parker

## Receiving of New Communicant Members

Beckett Aldred, daughter of Wes & Elizabeth Aldred  
Hinton Liddell, son of Thompson & Lauren Liddell  
Leighton Liddell, daughter of Thompson & Lauren Liddell  
Ann Russell Norris, daughter of Jody & Carey Leigh Norris  
Carey Norris, son of Jody & Carey Leigh Norris  
Finn Pace, son of Ben & Megan Pace  
Vaughn Roberts, son of Frank & Ashley Roberts  
George Tullos, son of Joseph & Elizabeth Tullos

## Prayer of Intercession 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.

## +Presentation of God’s Tithe and Our Offerings

**Offertory Anthem**..... Christina Rossetti/arr. Mack Wilberg  
“In the Bleak Midwinter”  
*Sanctuary Choir*

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;  
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.  
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed,  
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part,  
Yet what I can I give Him, give my heart.

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**\*Doxology** ..... OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(Four and Five-year olds dismissed to Children’s Church)

**Ministry of the Word** ..... Darwin Jordan  
“The Everlasting, World-Wide Reign of the King”  
Psalm 72

**\*Hymn of Response 218** ..... REGENT SQUARE  
“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

## \*Benediction

## \*Choral Amen

**\*Postlude** ..... “From Heaven Above” ..... Gordon Young

\*Please stand if you are able.  
+The ushers may seat worshippers.

Presiding Minister - Darwin Jordan  
Assisting Elder - Matthew Boyd

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

**Carolyn Thompson** is director of communications and Ed Thompson is president of LOGOI Ministries, which equips national pastors and missionaries throughout the Spanish speaking world by providing on-the-job Bible resources, courses, and encouragement.

[www.logoiministry.org](http://www.logoiministry.org)

**Jack Kennedy** is retiring as president of United Christian Ministries after 20 years of leading the organization. He and Gayle will continue to minister to children and families in our community on a limited basis. We praise God for the opportunity that our church family has had to partner with Jack through the years! [www.ucm.life](http://www.ucm.life)

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We welcome you to First Presbyterian Church!

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Rev. Darwin Jordan ..... Minister of Leadership and Preaching  
Dr. David H. Jussely. .... Minister Emeritus  
Dr. Kathy C. Young..... Director of Children’s Ministry  
Mrs. Whitney McMullan.....Assistant to Children’s Ministry  
Miss Ainslie Curtis ..... Student Ministry Intern

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Dr. Jesse Noote.....Director of Music Ministries  
Mrs. Loleeta Rhett..... Organist  
Mrs. Christine Bellew.....K4-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Children’s Choir Director  
Mrs. Hilary Strum ..... 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Children’s Choir Director


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THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

<b>Duty Deacons for December:</b> Tommy Lofton (head), Wes Bonner, Joe Gibbons, Rob King, Weston Locastro, Quentin Parsons, Steve Seales, Andres Tellez	<b>Ushers for December:</b> Jonathan Easterling, Brad Farris, Richard Fleming, Andrew Jakab, Rick Newman, Lee Rouse
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