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NOVEMBER 30, 2025



Service of Worship for the  
First Sunday of Advent

**FANWOOD**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WELCOME TO WORSHIP at

# FANWOOD

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Our usher team this morning is Barry Gustafson and Todd Moyle. Our music team is led each week by Alexa Teebo, Luyang Liu, and Jason Rivera, with guest musicians Brody Brown, with AV support by Chris Mallari. Our service is streamed at [Youtube.com/@FanwoodPresbyterianChurch](https://www.youtube.com/@FanwoodPresbyterianChurch) and at [Facebook.com/FanwoodPres](https://www.facebook.com/FanwoodPres).

AROUND THE CHURCH BUILDING

Restrooms are available on the ground floor of the sanctuary building, and can be accessed using the staircases at the parking lot entrance or the back of the sanctuary.

WORSHIPING WITH CHILDREN

All of God’s children are welcome to worship at Fanwood Church. Sunday School is available for elementary-aged students, and meets on the ground floor of the church building. A nursery for small children or babies is available downstairs for parents.

WAYS TO GIVE

If you would like to make a monetary donation to Fanwood Church, you can use Zelle ([fanwoodpcfinance@gmail.com](mailto:fanwoodpcfinance@gmail.com)) or the QR code to link to our online giving platform.



REFERENCES

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SCAM COMMUNICATIONS

Neither the Fanwood church office nor any Fanwood staff will ever ask for an urgent favor, the purchase of gift cards or other financial instruments.

*\* indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

**EDIBLE TRADITIONS**



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7**  
2-4 PM AT TEMPLE SHOLOM

**ADVENT BIBLE STUDY**

**LIGHT of the WORLD**

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE to ADVENT

**Mondays @ 7 PM on Zoom**  
**Tuesdays @ 1 PM at church**

**Brighter Christmas Tree**  
benefitting  
**United Children & Family Services**

**sign-up available Dec 1**  
**gifts due by Dec 14**

Questions? Please  
contact Kris Adams



**the Miracle of Jesus**

A Christmas Event for Families

**AN IMMERSIVE EVENT FOR ALL AGES**

**Saturday, Dec. 20 from 6-8 PM & Sunday, Dec. 21 following worship**

# GATHERING

PRELUDE

Luyang Liu

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG #9 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” *vs. 1*

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

CHIMING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: With what shall we come to God's house?

**All: Bring branches of cedar and holly, bring evergreens and a pine tree, hang wreaths and garlands.**

One: Make the church fragrant with the smell of living things and our holy play.

**All: In acts of hanging greens and hearing God’s word, let us make our hearts and this space a place of preparation for the One who is coming. Alleluia!**

\* OPENING HYMN #2 “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” *verses 1 & 2*

CALL TO CONFESSION & SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of promise and renewal, You come to us with signs of hope—evergreens that do not fade, candles that pierce the darkness, a Savior who enters our world in humility and love. Yet we confess that we have grown weary in waiting, distracted by worry, burdened by the clutter of our own making. We have forgotten to watch for your light, and to prepare room in our hearts for your coming. Forgive us, Lord. Kindle within us the hope that never dies, that we may be ready to greet you with joy when you draw near in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* RESPONSE #23 “Gloria!” *refrain from “Angels We Have Heard on High”*

*Gloria, in excelsis Deo; Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## PROCLAMATION

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

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.

PROCLAMATION OF COLORS *to the tune of #12 “People Look East”*

- In the Beginning: Isaiah 64:8
- Let There Be Light: Isaiah 9:2
- Green: Isaiah 61:1, 3a
- Red: Isaiah 53:3-5
- White and Gold: Isaiah 40:9-11
- Purple: Isaiah 40:21-23



MEDITATION

Rev. Dr. Stacy C. Smith

RESPONSE

OFFERTORY “Silver Bells”

Brody Brown, Alexa Teebo

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE: The Candle of Hope

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *“Advent Credo” by Dr. Allen Boesak*

It is not true that creation and the human family are doomed to destruction and loss. This is true: For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him shall not die but have everlasting life.

It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction. This is true: I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil. This is true: To me is given all authority in heaven and on earth, and lo, I am with you always, to the end of the world.

It is not true that the dreams of humankind for justice, freedom, and peace are not meant for this earth and this history. This is true: The hour comes, and it is now, that true worshipers shall worship God in spirit and in truth.

\* DOXOLOGY *“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”  
to the tune of “O Tannenbaum” or “O Christmas Tree”*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, in every generation.  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
who gives to us salvation.  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Let all creation praise the Lord with love and adoration!*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING

\* CLOSING HYMN *“The Way Prepare” to the tune of Deck the Halls*

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Luyang Liu