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DECEMBER 7, 2025



Service of Worship for the  
Second Sunday of Advent

**FANWOOD**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WELCOME TO WORSHIP at

# FANWOOD

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Our usher team this morning is Elizabeth Martinson and Kim Whitefield. Our music team is led each week by Alexa Teebo, Luyang Liu, and Jason Rivera, with guest musician 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.



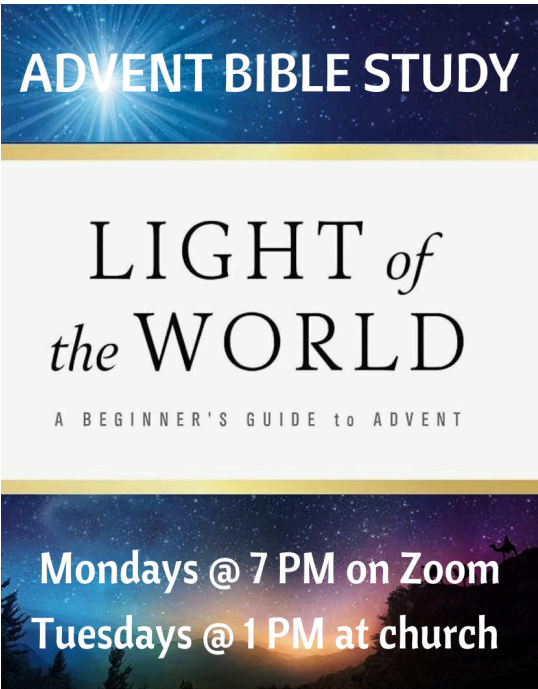
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*\* indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*



# GATHERING

PRELUDE “Celebration of Nations” Luyang Liu

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG #9 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” vs. 2

*O come, O Wisdom from on high, who ordered all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show and teach us in its ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE: The Candle of Peace

CHIMING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our worship is a song of praise:  
**All: Our souls magnify the Holy One!**  
One: Our worship is a song of joy:  
**All: Our spirits rejoice in God our savior!**  
One: Our worship is a song of thanksgiving:  
**All: The Mighty One has done great things for us.**  
One: Our worship is a song of justice:  
**All: God has brought down the powerful and lifted up the lowly.**  
One: Our worship is a song of hope:  
**All: Let us worship God!**

\* OPENING HYMN “Canticle of the Turning” verses 1, 2

CALL TO CONFESSION & SILENT PRAYER

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, you call us to live by your example, but we are too busy right now to listen. We are tempted by our shopping and to-do lists, but complain when we are too busy. We rush to judge those around us, but ask you to be more patient with us. We feast at the table of broken promises, and drink from the cup of fading dreams. Lord of Christmas Peace, forgive us. Free us from sin, free us from our captivity, and free us to a life lived in lasting peace with you and your creation. Through Jesus Christ we pray. 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.**



SCRIPTURE READING *from Luke 1:46-55*

MESSAGE



Rev. Dr. Stacy C. Smith

## RESPONSE

OFFERTORY “Magnificat” by K. & K. Getty Brody Brown, Alexa Teebo

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *“Advent Confession” by the PC(USA)*

**We believe that God has come to us; that God brought us into being; that this God gave us breath and purpose; that we have been blessed to be a blessing to others; that we have fallen short of this commandment but that God has loved us despite our brokenness.**

**We believe that God is coming to us; that God is not happy to leave us alone; that this God will come to us as a particular human being; that God will be made known to us in flesh and bone like ours; that Mary will soon give birth and Joseph will soon clap his hands in joy; that Jesus Christ will be born and our salvation made complete.**

**We believe that God will come to us; that God will have the final word and that Word will be good; that this God will give us the presence of the Spirit to continue our work; that we are called to be disciples to all the corners of the earth; that the day is coming when tears and pain will be no more; and all will gather at the Table to sing an endless and perfect “Alleluia!”**

\* 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!***

## COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC “Mazurkas in C-sharp minor by Chopin”

Luyang Liu

## SENDING

\* CLOSING HYMN “Canticle of the Turning” *verses 3, 4*

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Cat” Waltz by Chopin

Luyang Liu