

First Presbyterian Church  
Rev. Grant Gilliam  
Order of Worship  
December 21, 2025

Prelude

Welcome and Sharing of Joys and Concerns

*Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle: Love*                      1 John 4:9-10

\*God's word Calls us to Worship                                      Isaiah 40:9

**Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"**

\*Invocation

\*Hymns of Praise

#132    Angels We Have Heard on High

#125    Joy to the World!

Confession of Faith    Nicene Creed

**"We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy**

**catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sin. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen"**

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon                      Luke 1:46-50

**"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is Mighty has done great things for me, and Holy is his name. And His mercy is for those who fear him..."**

Stewardship of Tithes and Offerings

\*Doxology

Hymn of Preparation/Missions

#138    Go, Tell It on the Mountain (1,2)

Children's Message

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading    Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sermon    Rev. Grant Gilliam

**"Foreshadows of Christmas: Shadows of Rejoicing!"**

\*Hymn of Dismissal

#138    Go, Tell It on the Mountain (3)

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*All who are able please stand

Calendar of Events:

Today – Missions Offering

Wednesday – Christmas Eve Service & Communion at 6:00 p.m.

In charge today:

Deacon – Don – Elder – Keith– Nursery – Jada

In charge next Sunday:

Deacon – John Ball– Elder – Jimmie– Nursery – Elaine V.

Happy Birthday this week:

David Herron- December 23

Emy Cay Donaldson- December 26

Prayer List: (New in bold)

Brasher, Jimmy	Jones, Jennifer
Burns, Linda	Kendall, Brenda E.
Byars, Harvey	Kendall, Brenda
Callaway, Anne	King, Heather Shook
Campbell, Carlie	Lavender, Peggy
Charleston Recovery	Little, Don Ray
Clark, Austin	Mabus, Jimmy & Susan
Collins, Larry & Ann	McElrath, Pete
Cummings, Hadley	McFerrin, Pam
Dacus, Rick	Morgan, Melinda
<b>Davis, Johnny Family</b>	Raney, Mike
Denman, Trish	Ratliff, Maggie
Denmark, Donald	Reynolds, David
Dimberg, Greg	Roberson, Marshall
Edenfield, Joe & Patty	Rowland, Davin
Finke, Mae Elizabeth	Rowland, Suzanne
Finke, Susan	Salmon, Robert
Flautt, Mike	Scarborough, Truman
Fowler, Steve	Shaw, Lisa Eastridge
Garner, Molly	Sherman, Phyllis
Hackman, George	Shook, Carolyn
Halsey, Denny	Simmons, Debbie
<b>Hanson, Mary Hulett Family</b>	Smith, Cliff
Hargett, Stacy	Speir, Gerry
Houston, Gary & Brenda	Stanford, Diane
Hughes, Carson	<b>Turman, Dot</b>
Inman, Tara	Williams, James Paul
Israel	Williamson, Gaye
Jones, Andrea	Woods, April
Jones, Jackie	Wood, Shelia