



**FOUNTAIN HILLS**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**ECO**  
A Covenant Order  
of Evangelical  
Presbyterians

*Our Vision: Growing in love for God and others we make disciples for Jesus.*

*Our Mission: Love God – Love People – Make Disciples.*

## **ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE (Week 2)**

### **December 7, 2025 – 9:00 AM**

#### **Gather**

#### **PRELUDE**

"Once in Royal David's City"

Cecil Frances Alexander. Arr: Mark Hayes, Dorothy Parris, Piano

#### **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

God, with expectant hearts we your people await Christ's coming. As once He came in humility, so now may He come in glory, that He may make all things perfect in your everlasting kingdom. For he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen

#### **CHORAL INTROIT**

"Come, Emmanuel"

Celebration Singers, Jim Lindau- Clarinet

#### **LIGHT OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Mary Holtan & Linda Moyer

#### **SONG RESPONSE**

"The Candle of Hope v2"

Jospeh Martin Kraus; Celebration Singers

#### **WORDS OF WELCOME**

Pastor Jim

#### **ADVENT PRAYER**

Monique Reynolds

**God of Peace, Above the clamor of our violence your Word of truth resounds, O God of majesty and power. Over nations enshrouded in despair your justice dawns. Grant your household a discerning spirit and a watchful eye to perceive the hour in which we live. Hasten the advent of that day when the weapons of war shall be banished, our deeds of darkness cast off, and all your scattered children gathered into one. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near: your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

#### **\*OPENING HYMN**

"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

## **Prepare**

**CALL TO CONFESSION** - based on Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16 Monique Reynolds  
The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Monique Reynolds

**O promised Christ: We are a world at war. Our peace depends on your coming. We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on your coming. We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises; our only hope of doing God's will is that you should come and help us do it. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen**

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** - based on Isaiah 40:1-2

Monique Reynolds

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Your sins are pardoned. The penalty is paid. Jesus has satisfied God's judgment and displayed His rich mercy! Thanks be to God.

### **\*CHORUS OF ANGELS WE HEARD ON HIGH**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Monique Reynolds

**Gracious God, your vision of peace and wholeness comes to us in sweeping revelations and in tiny signs of hope. Kindle our hearts, that we might be a hopeful people. Keep us from growing weary of waiting so that we do not miss the glory of your appearing. Even so, come quickly, O God. Amen.**

## **Hear**

### **THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

"Prepare Ye the Way"

Based on Bereden Van For Herran 1697,  
Celebration Singers, Jim Richardson- Tenor

### **SCRIPTURE**

Isaiah 9:6-7

Pastor Jim

### **SERMON**

Great Expectations: Peace

Pastor Jim

## **Respond**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** - from Heidelberg Catechism Q.35-36

**Jesus is the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to Himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, a truly human nature so that He might also become David's true descendant, like His brothers and sisters in every way except for sin. He is our mediator and, in God's sight, he covers with His innocence and perfect holiness our sinfulness.**

**\*HYMN OF WORSHIP** "It Is Well with My Soul or Hark the Herald Angels Sing" #705

## **COMMUNION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "Alleluia"

## **Follow**

**\*BENEDICTION**

Pastor Jim

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "Go My Children with My Blessing" v3

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

 **WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY – EVERY WEDNESDAY**  
**10:00 AM | Fireside Room**  
**6:00 PM | Fellowship Center**

Our study through the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5–7) continues! Next week, **December 10**, we will reflect on **Matthew 7:1–7**, where Jesus teaches about judging others and seeking God in prayer. These verses challenge us to examine our own hearts before criticizing others and remind us of God’s readiness to respond when we seek Him sincerely.

***"The unfolding of your words gives light;  
it gives understanding to the simple." - Psalm 119:130***

**A SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA  
& MUCH MORE!**

**November 1 - December 6  
February 7 - March 7 - April 4  
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

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*Buzz Over!!*

  
**Presby Pickins'**  
**FLEA MARKET**

**WANTED:**  
Donations of gently-  
used treasures to sell  
at church tables.