

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025 9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Our Approach to God

Prelude Toccata on “Veni Emmanuel” A. Hailstork

Lighting of the Advent Wreath - the Candle of Love

We light the candle of hope.

Show us the creative power of hope.

The candle of peace.

Teach us the peace that comes from Christ.

The candle of joy.

Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, a joy that must be shared.

We also light the fourth candle – the candle of love. With this flame we signify the love of God that surrounds and fills us at all times.

We see this love in a special way in the Christmas story.

There is no greater power than love. It is stronger than rulers and empires, stronger than grief or despair, stronger even than death.

We love, because God loves us. Let us prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ and know the love that comes from him. May the light of love shine in our hearts and may we share that love with others. Lord, make us your candle of love.

*The Hymn of Praise Angels from the Realm of Glory 22

*The Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Your steadfast love endures forever, O God and your name is heralded throughout the land. Songs of rejoicing are heard in your sanctuary as hymns of praise proceed from our mouths.

You fill your people with the gift of your Holy Spirit and you send forth a savior with the promise of new life. Great and wonderful are your deeds. We worship you in great adoration. Amen.

*The Gloria Patri Glory Be to the Father 579
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

The Anthem Joyful Rhythm K. McChesney
JuBELLation Choir

The Word of God

The Time with the Children
The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 7:10-16 page 982
The Gospel Reading Matthew 1:18-25 page 1374
The Sermon Rev. Mike Hahn

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith
I believe that Christmas is more than a time for parties and ornaments; it is a time for remembering Christ and the incarnation of God’s love in human flesh. I believe there are gifts more important than the ones under the Christmas tree, such as the things we teach our children, the way we share ourselves with friends, and the energy with which we set about reshaping the world in our time. I believe in the angels’ message that we should not be afraid - that the Child of Bethlehem is able to overcome all anxieties and insecurities. I believe in prayer and quietness as a way of appropriating Christmas - that if I wait in silence I will experience the presence of the one born in the stable, for he lives today as surely as he lived then.

*The Hymn Away in a Manger 25

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offertory

Still, still, still

A. L. Page

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all
creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise
Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn

O Come, O Come, *Emmanuel*

9

*The Charge and Benediction

***The Congregational Response** Go with us, Lord

535

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

*Postlude

Toccata on “Veni Emmanuel”

A. Carter

* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.

Liturgist and Advent Wreath Lighter: Adam & Samantha Engel

Ushers:

Greeter: Betty Miller

Fellowship Hour Host: Cheryl Kelley

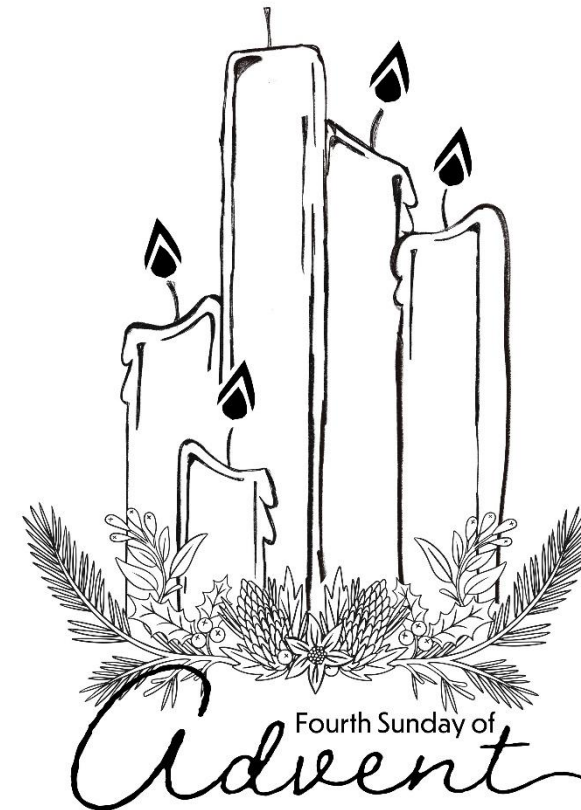
Songs and broadcast are covered by:

Music Reprinted/Podcast/Streamed with permission under One License #A-71978.

2665 Midland Rd., Saginaw, MI 48603

Phone: (989) 792-1023

December 21, 2025



Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing Christians.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Angel Tree Update:

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Angel Tree Mission. We provided Angel Tree gifts to 60 kids this year. A special thanks to Peggy Donaldson for the beautifully hand painted ornaments for each child, and to our delivery Santas, Pete Brucker, Jim Mundel & Mike Patton for delivering all the gifts.



2026 Directory:

In order to print an accurate church directory, we are making sure that we have your correct information. Sonia and/or Adam will be at the table in the gathering area with printed information sheets. Please stop by and make sure we have all your information correct. If you take the sheet home, please make sure to bring it back.

Estimate of Giving:

Thanks to all who have submitted Estimates of Giving for 2026. If you have not already done so, please turn in your 2026 Estimate of Giving slip by either mailing it to the church or dropping it in the offering plate. We are working on our budget for 2026, and many programs of the church depend upon your Estimate of Giving. Thank you for your faithfulness!

2025 End of Year Contributions:

The IRS requires that donors must hand deliver or mail (the postmark must be on or before December 31, 2025) to claim a deduction for 2025. Giving in 2026 and predating a check for 2025 does not qualify for a 2025 deduction.



Calendar Correction: There will be NO Sunday school NEXT Sunday, December 28.

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE, AT
7:00 P.M. FOR A SERVICE OF
LESSONS AND CAROLS

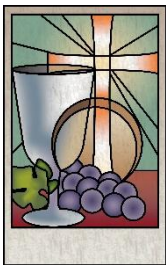


The Second Presbyterian Church Session has called a Special Congregational meeting for the purpose of Electing the new Elders. **The meeting will be NEXT Sunday December 28, 2025 immediately following worship.**

The following elders to serve in 2026 if approved are:

Andrea Drapp	Billie Bauer	Genie Herter
Kitty Myers	Mary Smith	Adam Engel

Communion:



Sunday, January 4, communion will be celebrated during the worship service. We hold an open communion at Second Presbyterian Church which means all believing Christians are welcome to participate. We also invite you to bring non-perishable food items for **The Ecumenical Food Pantry at First Presbyterian Church**. We do so knowing that it is our privilege to feed the hungry and care for the poor as we are fed and sustained by the grace of God.

Taking Down the Greens:

Please plan to stay after worship on **Sunday, January 4**, and help us take down the greens. After worship we will “un-deck” the halls. The more people we have helping, the quicker we will finish. Lunch will be provided.



