

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 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
Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

Our Approach to God

Prelude Pifa from Messiah G.F. Handel

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – the Candle of Peace
The Advent wreath reminds us of the everlasting love of God.
Its candles remind us that Jesus is the light of the world.
As we rush to decorate our hearts with the light of Christ.
Let us decorate our hearts with the light of Christ.
The first candle is the candle of hope.
Whatever we face in life, we will put our hope in God.
The second candle is the candle of peace. We need peace in our lives, our homes, our families, and our church. Help us to slow down and seek out the peace that God can provide.
Let us prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ and find real peace in him. May the light of peace shine in our hearts and may we share that peace with others. Lord, make us your candle of peace.

*The Hymn of Praise Prepare the Way 13

*The Prayer of Praise and Adoration
Almighty God, you have made us and all things to serve you; now prepare the world for your rule. Come quickly to save us, so that wars and violence shall end, and your children may live in peace, honoring one another with justice and love; this we pray through Jesus Christ who lives in power with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 Advent Processional A. L. Page
Chancel Choir

The Word of God

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 11:1-10 page 988
The Epistle Reading Romans 15:4-13 page 1619
The Gospel Reading Matthew 3:1-12 page 1375
The Sermon Rev. Mike Hahn

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostle’s Creed (Traditional) Hymnal, page 14
*The Hymn *On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry* 10
The Morning Prayers and the Lord’s Prayer (using sins)
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 Offering of our Tithes and Gifts
The Offertory People, Look East M. Shaw
*The Doxology
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 Little Town of Bethlehem* 44

*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 Carol of the Advent R. Groom te Velde

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Liturgists and Advent Wreath Lighters: Sova Family

Ushers: Anne Schmidt

Greeter: Karen Kalina

Fellowship Hour Host: Mary Smith

Musical Talents: Thomas Heidenreich – Director of Music Ministry and the
Chancel Choir.

**Please join us following worship in the gathering area for
fellowship hour.**

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Angel Tree:

Thank you for your generosity and support to those most vulnerable in our community. **Please return gifts by NEXT Sunday, December 14.**



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.

All women of the church are invited to join us on **Wednesday, December 10**, at Sullivan's Food and Spirits 5235 Gratiot Rd, Saginaw, MI 48638, at 9:30 a.m. If you plan to attend, please reach out to Carol Poole @989-793-7485.



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.



On Sunday, December 14, at 4:00pm, Concerts at First Presbyterian Saginaw presents the second annual Handel's Messiah concert. The concert will include the Saginaw Bay Youth Orchestra and the Saginaw Choral Society, and features the Christmas portion of Messiah, plus the Hallelujah Chorus.

On Sunday, December 14 at Second Pres., the children are going to sing during the service. This is a time honored Season of Christmas tradition here at SPC that everyone enjoys, but we need your kids and grandkids to make it a success. Please contact Thomas for more information @ music@prcsaginaw.org.

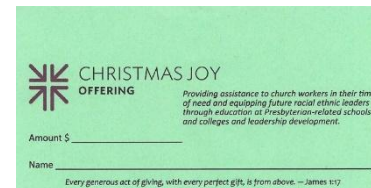


Let's Go Caroling:

Please join us for Christmas Caroling to our homebound friends **Saturday, December 20 at 12:15 pm**. We will meet at the church, get on rented buses, and drive around bringing Christmas joy. We will return to church at 3:30 p.m. for food and fellowship. Please bring a snack to share and your best holiday spirit!



Christmas Joy Offering:



The Christmas Joy Offering will be received Sunday, December 21. This offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need, and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

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

Isaiah 11:1-10

- ¹ A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
- ² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—
- ³ and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.
He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;
- ⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.
- ⁵ Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.
- ⁶ The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.
- ⁷ The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.
- ⁸ The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.
- ⁹ They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.
- ¹⁰ In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the
nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious

Romans 15:4-13

- ⁴ For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that
through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they
provide we might have hope.
- ⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same
attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, ⁶ so that with one mind
and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ⁷ Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to
God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of
God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be
confirmed ⁹ and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it
is written:
- "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles;
I will sing the praises of your name."
- ¹⁰ Again, it says,
"Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people."
- ¹¹ And again,
"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles;
let all the peoples extol him."
- ¹² And again, Isaiah says,
"The Root of Jesse will spring up,
one who will arise to rule over the nations;
in him the Gentiles will hope."
- ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that
you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.