



December 8, 2024

**HODGES BOULEVARD
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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Order of Worship

*SONGS OF PRAISE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL PRAISE

Worship Choir

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, thou Long-Expected Jesus

#82

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Tim & Gale Keeley

CHILDREN'S TIME

Amy Zalusky

(children through 5th grade may exit)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Joel 2:13

Chuck Harper

*Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,
abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our valleys sometimes seem so deep and dark that we despair of crawling out of them. We sometimes see the mountains as insurmountable obstacles rather than as vantage points of exhilarating beauty. The rough places that we complain about are often of our own making. The deserts are hot and dry because we have failed to refresh ourselves at the springs of your Spirit. Forgive, Lord, our wanderings and complainings as we welcome the liberating advent of Jesus into our lives. . . . *(silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 25:11

For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon our guilt.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Advent Doxology

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Family of God

(Please stand and pass the peace of Christ.)

**All who are able may stand*

OFFERING & MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Isaiah 40:5

Chuck Harper

*Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 2:17-3:1

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 1:66-67, 76-79

SERMON

Prepare With Forgiveness

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

#100

IMPACT REPORT

Christmas Joy Offering

Bob Killey

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

***CLOSING HYMN**

Prepare the Way, O Zion

#106

***BLESSING**

Luke 1:78-79

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.

***PARTING MUSIC**

Welcome Guests

We welcome all who are worshipping with us today. If you are our guest, we pray that your experience will nurture your faith and that you feel welcome in this community of faith.

Nursery: Available from 9:45 –11:15 am

Children’s Worship: K-5th Grades

After the Children’s Time during the service, staff and volunteers walk the children to Fellowship Hall for special stories and activities geared just for them.

Parents please pick them up after worship.

Wiggle Room: At the back of the sanctuary you may take advantage of the Wiggle Room, available for all ages. The service is piped in so you won’t miss a thing.

Calendar

Sunday, December 8 2nd Sunday in Advent	9:00 am 10:00 am	Adult Discussion Group Worship
Monday, December 9	1:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Human Resources Scouts Worship Team (Teams)
Tuesday, December 10	2:00 pm	Blythe Spirits-Afternoon
Wednesday, December 11	7:30 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm	Bibles & No Bagels (Zoom) Preschool Board Meeting Women’s Bible Study Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, December 14	11:00 am 9:00 am	PW Christmas Gathering Choir Dress Rehearsal

Please complete the welcome card located in your bulletin and place it the offering plate.

Remember in Prayer
Margo Grout, Brant Newland

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