



VERNAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the *Evangelical Presbyterian Church*

LORD'S DAY SERVICE
DECEMBER 8, 2024

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Advent Candle

God Calls Us

***Call to Worship**

Romans 15:8-12

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness,

in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."

¹⁰And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him."

¹²And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."

***Invocation**

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

***Hymn**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

God Cleanses Us

Reading of the Law

Exodus 20:1-17

Prayer of Confession & Supplication

Assurance of Pardon

Lamentations 3:19-23

***Hymn #10**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

God Consecrates Us

Psalm Reading

Psalm 24

Children's Word

***Hymn #110**

Higher Ground

HIGHER GROUND

Sermon Reading

Haggai 2:1-9

Sermon

Strong in Hope

Reid Roberson

Prayer of Intercession

***Confession of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Gloria Patri #436**

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Offertory

***Doxology #434**

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***Offertory Prayer**

God Commissions Us

***Hymn #374**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

***Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

***Departure Hymn**

Shalom to You

SOMOS DEL SENOR

Sha-lom to you now, sha-lom, my friends.
May God's full mer - cies bless you, my friends.
In all your liv - ing and through your lov - ing,
Christ be your sha - lom; Christ be your sha - lom.



**The congregation is invited to stand.*

