

A Congregation of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church

First Lord's Day in Advent November 30, 2025

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Advent Candle

- God Calls Us –

*Call to Worship

Isaiah 2:2-5

²It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,

³and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob,

that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

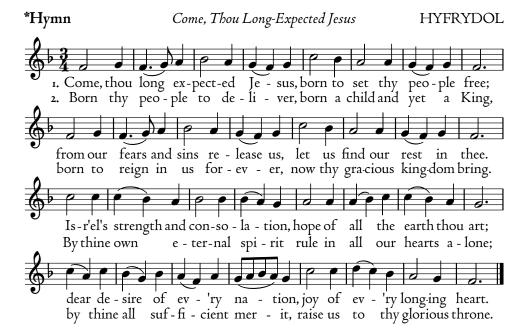
⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

*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.



God Cleanses Us

Reading of the Law

Matthew 22:37-40

Prayer of Confession & Supplication

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

2 Timothy 1:8-12

*Hymn #I2 (vv. I-3)

I Know Whom I Have Believed

EL NATHAN

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 31

Children's Word

Sermon Scripture Zechariah 13:2-9

Sermon A Sanctified World Rev. 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 GREATOREX

Offertory

*Doxology #434 OLD 100TH

*Offertory Prayer

God Commissions Us

***Hymn #291** Revive Us Again REVIVE

*Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

*Departure Hymn Shalom to You SOMOS DEL SENOR

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom; Christ be your shalom.



^{*}The congregation is invited to stand.

Announcements

Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 21st, at 5 PM. Rehearsal begins **tonight** at 6 PM. Anyone who would like to participate is welcome.

Bible Study will not meet during the month of December.

Choir meets Thursday at 4 PM.

Local missions opportunities are available!

- Antioch's Food Pantry
- PROMISS Pregnancy Care
- Backpack Buddies

Prayer List

Carolyn Hillman, Nancy Brown, Mamie Raines, Karen Allen, Jeff Allen, Logan Brewer, Lisa Bivens, Larry Owens, Julianne Allgood, Annie Ruth Thigpen, Elaine Gabel, Donna Pederson, Leighton Wilson, Donna McIntosh, Gail Stuck

Upcoming Birthdays

Mary Ann Lister-Davis (Dec. 10), Dylan Newman (Dec. 10), Annley Newman (Dec. 15) Reid Roberson (Dec. 27),

Session of Elders

Jeff Allen Jennifer Fortenberry Janet James, clerk Mitch Newman

> Rev. Reid Roberson, pastor (60I) 813-2228 reid@vernalpc.org

Nancy McIntosh, pianist/organist