

ORDER OF WORSHIP **DECEMBER 28, 2025**

Prelude “Christmas Time is Here” *Mindy Smith, Instrumentalist*

Welcome *Candra Brown*

Please sign and pass the black pew pad.

Gathering “Wexford Carol” *Candra Brown*

*Call to Worship

Leader: God is here! The Messiah has come!

People: Praise God for coming to dwell among us, Immanuel.

Leader: Praise God for the good news of Jesus, the pioneer of our salvation.

People: Praise God for making us brothers and sisters in Christ.

Leader: Praise God who is present with us still, lifting us up and carrying us.

People: God’s glory shines in heaven and on earth. Praise the Lord!

*Hymn of Praise “Love Has Come”
Hymn #110

Call to Confession *Candra Brown*

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. In his name we pray, Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Response of Praise “He Came Down” (vs. 1)
Hymn #137

*Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also, with you.

Anthem “Carol of the Bells” *Senior Choir*

First Scripture Reading *Psalm 147*

Second Scripture Reading *Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7*

Sermon “Sing to the Lord with Thanksgiving” *Michael Brown*

*Affirmation of Faith *On Screen*

Service Prayer *Kevin Crosthwaite*

Pastoral Prayer (with the 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.

Announcements

*Doxology *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*
Hymn #608

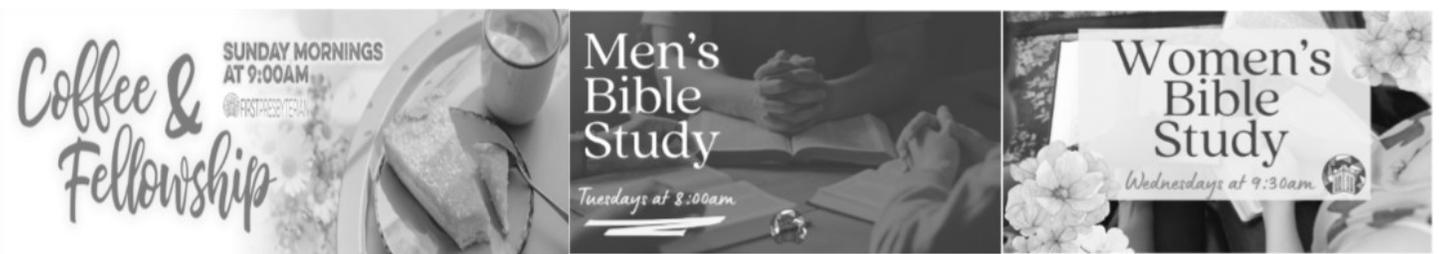
*Offertory Prayer

In this gifting season, O God, we are grateful for the gift of your dear Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Receive these offerings we bring. May they be used in the service of your grace and truth dwelling among us. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

*Closing Hymn *"Angels We Have Heard on High"*
Hymn #113

*Benediction *Michael Brown*

Postlude *"What Are You Doing New Year's Eve" . . Mindy Smith, Instrumentalist*



IN OUR PRAYERS: Pam Archer, Sarah Bolden, Noah Cassion, Lori Disbennett, Rev. Donald Leckrone, Karl Leckrone, Gary and Elesa Thompson.

HOME BOUND: Larry & Helen Fox, Wilma Miller, and Beverly Shearer, Paul & Carolyn Wiehe.

IN A CARE FACILITY: Evelyn Rutherford at Heritage; Vivian Lowe at Bluebird; Bob Huffman and Greg Clark at Prestige Gardens.

