

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH November 30, 2025
*"The Son of God became man to enable men to become the sons
of God."*
~ C.S Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

TRINITY BELLS

*OPENING MUSIC "Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)"

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING Mark Cook & Dari Cook

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord!

People: Lift every valley, lift every voice.

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord!

People: And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

*#579 GLORIA PATRI

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CONFESSION

**Great God, as we prepare to behold the birth of Jesus again,
we are mindful of how we have failed to receive the fullness of
that gift. The story points us to your glory, yet we struggle to
join in the song of praise and thanksgiving. We are distracted
and confused, so focused on things of little significance we
overlook the good news of great joy that you have prepared.
Tell us again that the Savior is born. Tell us again that we are
forgiven. Tell us again that our lives can be abundant in faith,
hope and love because of what you have given us in Jesus
Christ. Amen**

*(now that we have confessed as a congregation, let us confess our
own sins in the silence of our hearts)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The angel tells Joseph that the child forming in Mary's
womb is to be named Jesus. "Call him Jesus," the angel
says, "For he will save the people from their sins." From
his birth through his resurrection, from age to age, Jesus
is about salvation.

People: This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

OFFERING

Prayer of Dedication

*Doxology

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

#2 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SONG OF PREPARATION

"Mary Did You Know"

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-18

SERMON

"Pagan Idea – Christian Answer"
Rev. Paul Masters

*SONG OF REFLECTION

"Lord I Need You"

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

*SENDING MUSIC

Helpful Notes

- 1) We say "debts" and "debtors" in the Lord's Prayer
- 2) Asterisks (*) = Please stand as you are able
- 3) Offering – Our offering basket can be found in the entrance
to the sanctuary or you can give electronically using the QR
code found in the 'Stewardship News' section of this bulletin

Prayers for November 30th – December 6th

Members of the Congregation:

Steve Vance, Dale Daggy, Carol Dillon & Brenda Vande Berg

Friends of the Congregation:

Missy Nelson (Friend of the Moeller Family),
Roxie Morris (Friend of Peg Christensen),
Edmilson Alves (Gabriel's Uncle),
Joan Meyer,
Alan Scott &
Linda Cline

Prayer Families:

Nola Humes
Joe & Teresa Jackson
Alan & Angie Jessen
Danielle Jessen

Pray for: (a ministry in our Presbytery; a ministry in Fort Dodge)

East Friesland, Ackley &
Steamboat Rock

Stewardship News

Attendance on November 23rd was 168 (131, 17 FB, 20 YT). The offering on 11/23/25 was \$11,160.19. The amount needed each week is \$11,118.00. The total contributions through 11/23/25 are \$422,684.50. The amount needed through 11/23/25 is \$502,016.00.



Thank you to our volunteers today

Ushers: Linda Whiting, Karen Amman & Ruth Hancock

Vocals: Gabriel Alves

Musicians: Greg Merritt, JB Kilpeck, Jake Merritt, Jan Moeller & Gabriel Alves

Bus Driver: Steve Hulsebus

We are grateful for the gift of chancel flowers given by Karen Amman in memory of the celebration of the anniversary of her parents, Athol and Doris Cuckie.

Mitten and Sock Tree

The Deacons are collecting child-sized gloves, mittens, and socks for local elementary students. There is a wagon next to the tree for donations. Please donate by January 4th. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please talk to Amy in the office.

BINGO!

Join Karen Amman for BINGO in the Commons December 10th. BINGO will begin at 3:30 pm and go until 5:00 pm so you can enjoy the all-ages dinner. There is a tote for BINGO prize donations outside the office.

70 + Coffee

On Sunday, December 7th at 8:30am-10am in the Commons, our Deacons will be celebrating our members who are age 70 & over with some cookies, bars & a little gift. Please note that EVERYBODY is invited to come and celebrate those members!

Last Wednesday Programs of 2025 – December 18th

The last All-Ages Dinner and youth groups of the year will be on Wednesday, December 18th. Programs will return January 14th.

Ilene's Library

A table has been set up by the library for you to help yourselves to some really great books mostly donated by Ilene Magruder's family! We thought these might be enjoyed by families more if they were just given to you!

We do have a lot of new books to our library! Pauline Ruebel donated some new books, and we have a lot donated by Ilene's family! Take time to come in and browse! We are thankful for our library! You will be pleasantly surprised at our collection. I was asked recently if all the books were "church" books...come in and see what you think 🤔📖

If you have grandchildren coming for holidays, we have puzzles and books for all ages!



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Would you like to donate a

Christmas Poinsettia

at FPC in memory of a loved one this Advent?

Donor Name _____

In memory of _____

Color Options

☐ White

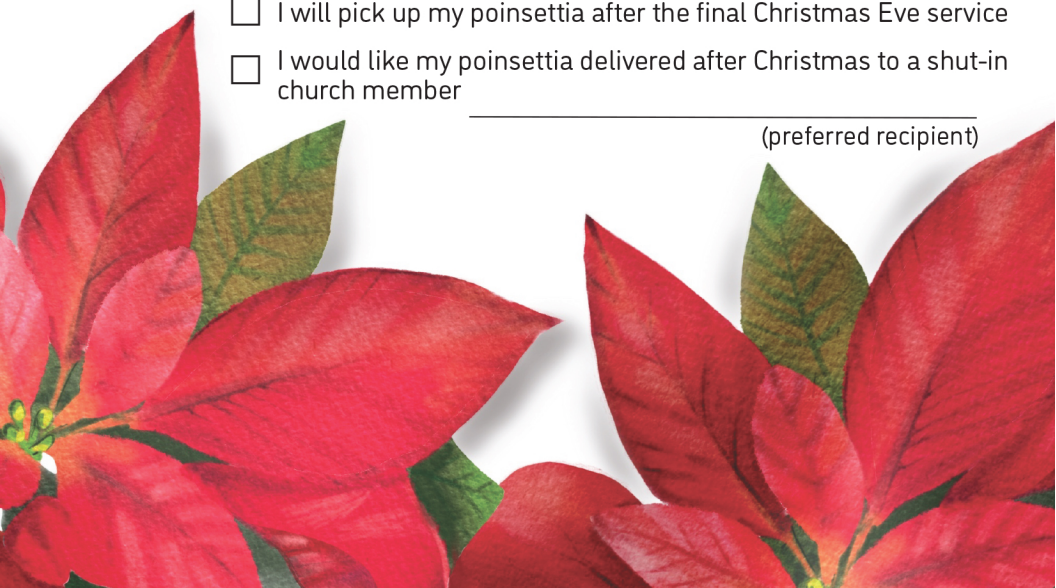
☐ Red

Poinsettias are \$9 each - Return forms w/payment to the office by Dec. 1st
They will be displayed in church on December 21st & 24th

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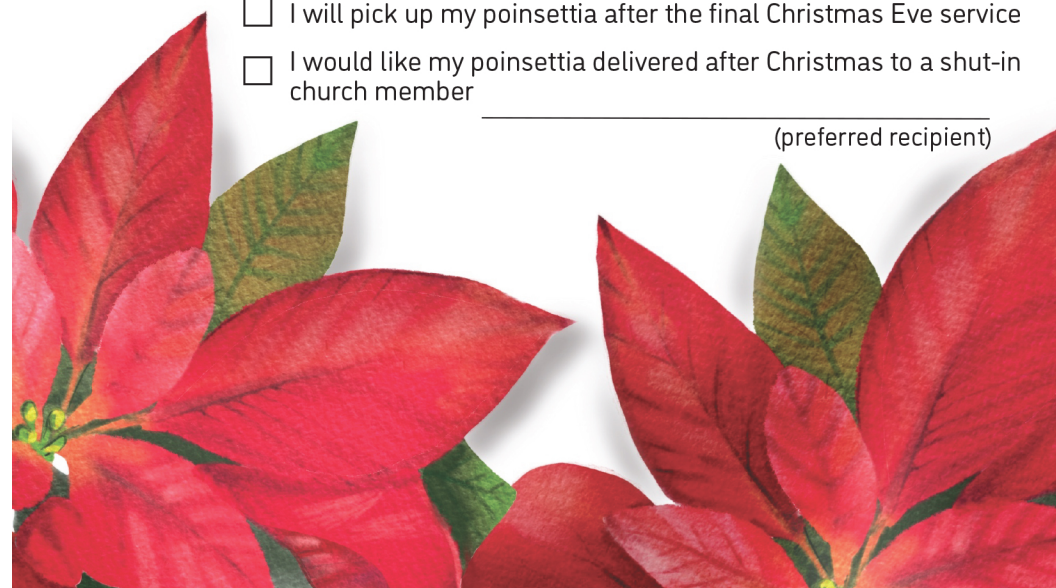
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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Charles Wesley, 1744

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Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy
 2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and

peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us;
 yet a King, Born to reign in us for - ev - er,

Let us find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
 Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear de - sire of
 Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone; By Thine all - suf -

ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

Mary Did You Know

Mary did you know
 That your baby boy
 Would one day walk on water
 Mary did you know
 That your baby boy
 Would save our sons and daughters
 Did you know
 That your baby boy
 Has come to make you new
 This Child that you delivered
 Will soon deliver you

Mary did you know
 That your baby boy
 Would give sight to the blind man
 Mary did you know
 That your baby boy
 Would calm a storm with His hand
 Did you know
 That your baby boy
 Has walked where angels trod
 And when you kiss your little baby
 You've kissed the face of God
 Oh Mary did you know

Ooh Mary did you know ooh ooh

The blind will see
 The deaf will hear
 The dead will live again
 The lame will leap
 The dumb will speak
 The praises of the Lamb

Oh Mary did you know
 That your baby boy
 Is Lord of all creation
 Mary did you know
 That your baby boy
 Will one day rule the nations
 Did you know
 That your baby boy
 Is heaven's perfect Lamb
 And the sleeping Child you're holding
 Is the great I Am
 Oh Mary oh

Lord I Need You

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Praise is rising
Eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
Washed away

Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom
Broken lives are made new
You make us new