

A WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 7, 2025

10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S NAME

CHIMES (As one body, let us now pause in silence to focus on worship)

PRELUDE "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night" Ben Logan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison

INTROIT "Light Two Candles to Watch for Messiah" Wayne L. Wold

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Without peace, we have no solace, no fulfillment. As we continue the Season of Advent, we wait in hopeful anticipation of the peace the Christ-child will bring to a weary world.

We seek to live as people of peace, working toward a world free of violence and vengeance, where all can live free of abuse and fear. We light this candle to symbolize the peace of Christ's presence,

We gather to share this peace with one another.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Lift up your hearts, people of God, for the Lord has looked favorably upon us and is sending us his beloved Son.

People: He is raising up for us a mighty Savior in the house of his servant David.

Leader: God is showing the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our ancestors Abraham and Sarah, that we might serve him without fear.

People: We go before the Lord, following John the Baptist, to prepare the way of the Lord.

Leader: Come, let us worship God and listen to the voice crying out in the wilderness.

***HYMN** "Savior of the Nations, Come" No. 102

CALL TO RENEWAL

And so we live our lives imperfectly, for we are flawed. But we are also loved by the God in whose Image we were created. Let us remake ourselves toward that Image as we make our confession before God and each other.

PRAYER OF RENEWAL (IN UNISON)

Forgiving God, in this season of Advent, we welcome the coming of your light in a world filled with darkness. We confess to you the ways in which we have added to that darkness rather than obeyed our call to live as the children of the light.

We ask your forgiveness: For times when we worship violence and belittle peace, for times when we fight amongst ourselves, for times when we forget that we are all children of God, for times when we do not stand up for the helpless among us.

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

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS

God's abundance extends to God's forgiveness. Receive that plenteous gift of grace. Be blessed by God's pardon and be changed by God's favor. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen!**

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen and amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us greet each other saying; 'May the peace of Christ be with you.'

OFFERTORY "The Lamb That's Soon to Come" Charity Boyles

***DOXOLOGY** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

WE LISTEN FOR CHRIST'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING John 14:27; Numbers 6:24-26

RESPONSE May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart, be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. (Ps. 19:14)
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Shalom" Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison

ANTHEM "Prepare the Way of the Lord" William Rowan

WE RESPOND TO CHRIST'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN CHRIST'S NAME

***HYMN** "While We are Waiting, Come" No. 92

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Come, Come Emmanuel" James. J. Cheponnis

POSTLUDE "O Word of God Incarnate" Alec Wyton

*Please stand if able

SERVING TODAY

Usher – Ellen Gove

Coffee Hour – Sharon Morgan & Ann Clark

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for: Those affected by natural disasters and ongoing wars; Peter C. Jackson; Blanca Campbell and Jim Nina; Jill Tuttle Albiani; Jackie Tuttle; Barry and Benetta Taylor; Rev. John Moore; Jim Preston; Kathy Zarchin; Teri Brennan; Carol Taplin; Andrew Ogar; Barbara Preston; For the peace and comfort for the family and friends of Linda Bonaccorso
We will gladly list names of any individuals in need of prayer. You may share names by turning in a note from the pew or by emailing the church office prior to Thursday a.m.

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December 7th, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent



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Class of 2025: Heather Reylek / Lynn Thomson / Cindy Griffin / Lynne Weikart

<u>This Week</u>		
Dec. 8 th	Nutrition Program	7:00-1:00
	Better World Book Club	3:00
Dec. 9 th	Food Pantry	4:00-6:00
Dec. 10 th	Meals on Wheels	7:00-11:00
Dec. 11 th	Bible Study	10:00
Dec. 12 th	Nutrition Program	7:00-1:00
	Food Pantry	10:00-1:00

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“We envision the Shelter Island Presbyterian Church as a spiritual heart of our small island community -- a congregation that keeps its doors open to all and offers service and support to friends, neighbors, and visitors from beyond our shores. We will encourage the spiritual growth of our church's people in Jesus Christ through worship, service to others, stewardship, study and fellowship with one another. We will work to increase our spiritual engagement with youth, young families and our growing senior population. Inspired by God's Word, we look forward to our future with faith and confidence in God's purpose for us. AS WE BELIEVE, SO WE DO.”

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