



GREENCASTLE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

The 3rd Sunday of Advent

ORDER OF WORSHIP

DECEMBER 14, 2025
10:00 AM



* *Please stand as able*

Centering Thought

“The omnipotent in one instant made himself breakable. He had been Spirit became pierceable. He was larger than the universe became an embryo. And he who sustains the world with the Word chose to be dependent upon the nourishment of young mother. God as fetus. Holiness sleeping in a womb.”

– Max Lucado

Welcome and Brief Announcements

The Prelude *Once in Royal David's City* arr. John Innes
 Joyce Hopkins, *organ* Dorthalee Wilson, *piano*

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Where the world is waiting for an unknown day, where a voice, forgotten, cries, “*Prepare the way!*” God shows in a manger our redemption’s sign and promises a day where the fullness of life and peace shines. Let us worship the Lord!

All: Amen!

*Hymn #106 *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, we confess that, even as we await the light, we contribute to the darkness in our world. Forgive our apathy in the presence of oppression. Forgive our involvement in the broken-heartedness of anyone. Forgive our participation in systems that enslave people. Hear our prayer, O God. Open our eyes to your presence, bring us home, and renew us in your love. (Silence for personal confession.)

*The Assurance of Pardon and Peace

Leader: Friends! Hear the Good News! Christ died for our sins and rose again for our justification. In his name we are forgiven!

All: Thanks Be to God!

*The Gloria #583 *Gloria, Gloria*

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

All: O God, could this be the Advent when we notice that inbreaking of your coming promises? Promises full of blessing: of truth, so clear and bright that every shadowy lie must flee away; of compassion so deep and strong that everyone is encircled in its embrace; of restoration so complete and beautiful that there is gladness everywhere; and of justice so satisfying and right that all will be well. May this Advent be the new beginning, as we learn to live by the light of your coming promises. Amen.

Candle Carol #85

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (vs. 3)

The Children's Time with Their Pastor

The Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

The Scripture Readings

Genesis 12:1-3; Galatians 3:6-9

The Anthem *Mary Said Yes*

Russell Schultz-Widmar

*The Gospel Reading

Luke 1:26-38

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: thanks be to God!

The Message **God's Plan**

-Pastor Robert Cook

*Response to God's Word (Unison)

Jesus has taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God's Kingdom.

We believe that God is at work in our world turning hopeless and evil situations into good.

We believe that goodness and justice and love will triumph in the end, and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever.

One day 'all tears will be wiped away' and 'the lamb will lie down with the lion.'

True peace and true reconciliation are not only desirable, they are assured and guaranteed.

This is our faith, and our hope.

*Hymn #99 *My Soul Gives Glory to My God*

Joys, Cares and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

*The Doxology #606

*The Dedication of Our Tithes and Our Lives

*Advent Carol #88 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (vs. 5 & 6)

*The Blessing

The Postlude

Angels We Have Heard on High arr. Ted Smith and Don Hustad
Joyce Hopkins, organ Dorthalee Wilson, piano



*Please join us
for coffee,
refreshments
and fellowship
in the Social
Room after
Worship.*

Hosted by Dee & Mary Ann. All Are Welcome!

SERVING THE CHURCH

Preaching..... Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
Liturgist..... Racheal Bowman
Musicians..... Dr. J. Frederick Davison,
Joyce Hopkins, Dorthalee
Acolyte.....
Sunday School Teachers..... Sue Bell, Colleen Seidel
Audio Video Tech Ben Herrmann
Closer..... Paul Sauder

PRAYER CONCERNS

June Marshall	Donna Bingaman
Patti Sechrist	Jason Kinzer
Alan Shope	Emmie White
Tim Walck	Stephanie & Mike and
Mindy Grosh	Alaina Klingensmith
Michael Paylor	Joseph Hams
Kathy Kendall	Terri Brust
Dan Patton	Helen Taulbee
Bethany Yeager	David Pickart
Penny Mohler	Greg Harmon
Cathy Thomas	Bonnie Speaks
Sue Lum	Cindy Widder
Frank & Tracey Toston	Donna & Sarah Stillwagon
Sally Snyder	Carla Vickers
Chelsea White	Kevin Taulbee
Tim Reed	Brandon Fisher
Lynne Leap	Jan Eppleman
Gail Guyton	Cora Crider
Marvin & Nancy Rice	Kim Tartaglia
David Myers	Bill Heacox
Frank Marconi	Lynn Anne Robertson Smith
Kenny Reed	Missy Benson
Todd Smith	Joyce Baker
John Stanton	Mary Bennet & Family
Tom Clopper	Dave Wilson
Leslie Moose	

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. - Philippians 4:5

This prayer list reflects our love and support for our church family. Please submit or review names on the list to balance healing requests with general community/member prayers. Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 14 **Third Sunday of Advent**

- 8:45 am Fall Bible Study
10:00 am **Worship** followed by Coffee Fellowship
 Prayers for Musicians
4:00 pm Youth Group
5:45 pm Caroling, Cookies, & Cocoa

Tuesday, December 16

- 6:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 17

- 9:00 am Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry
9:00 am Wednesday Prayer Circle
6:00 pm Bell and Choir Practice
7:00 pm Bell Chancel Choir Practice
7:00 pm Ladies AA Meeting

Sunday, December 21 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

- 10:00 am **Worship** followed by Coffee Fellowship
 Prayers for General Assembly Staff and Church Administrators



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2025 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, December 24

4:30 PM – Family Worship Service

6:45 PM – Musical Prelude

7:00 PM – Candlelight Worship
Service with Communion

CHRISTMAS

Thursday, December 25

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace".*



Above: Thanksgiving Meal Preparation

Below: Advent Potluck Luncheon and Special Events Committee

JESUS SAID, "FEED MY SHEEP."

