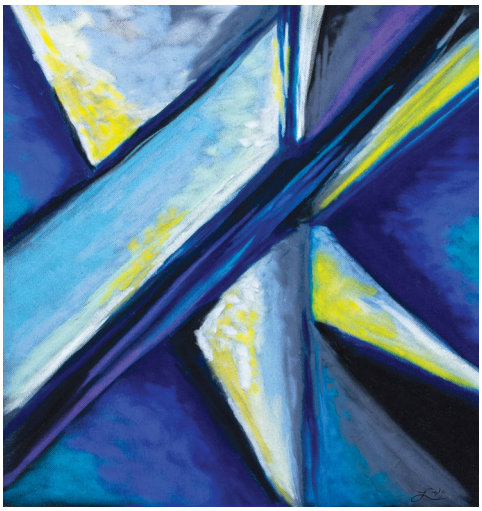


Order of Worship
December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*, arr. Moklebust

Advent Wreath Lighting (Responsive)
One: Hear the witness of the apostle Paul in his letter to the Philippians:
"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near."
All: We delight in the joy of your presence, which no hardship can steal away. Come, Lord Jesus, and make joy our strength.

Hymn No. 99 *My Soul Gives Glory to My God*

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession (Unison)
God of majesty and glory, we are thirsty for your grace. You made a way for us in the wilderness, and still, in our foolishness, we go astray. We hide our eyes from your presence. We do not listen to your word. We are lifeless when we ought to dance and speechless when we ought to sing. Forgive us, O Lord. Speak peace to our fearful hearts, strengthen our weak hands, and make firm our feeble knees as we seek to follow in your holy way. Amen.

Moment for Silent Confession

Kyrie No. 121, v. 4
O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray, cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria No. 104, v. 3
You come, O Lord, with gladness, in mercy and goodwill, to bring an end to sadness and bid our fears be still. In patient expectation we live for that great day when your renewed creation your glory shall display.

Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading *Isaiah 35:1-10*

Word to Grow By

Anthem *I Wonder as I Wander*, arr. Pederson

Second Reading *Luke 1:46b-55*

Sermon *Joy Is Home*, Rev. Nick Reed

Hymn No. 100 *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*

Affirmation of Faith (Unison) *The Apostles' Creed*, Hymnal p. 35

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer Hymnal p. 35

Offertory *The Hills Are Bare at Bethlehem*, arr. Moklebust (11:00)

Doxology No. 144, v. 4

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

Prayer of Dedication

Communion (9:00)

Hymn No. 123 *It Came upon a Midnight Clear*

Benediction

Postlude *Winter Sketch*, Scott-Devin

Liturgist: Susan Fillippeli. Prelude & Offertory: Handbell Choir.

Advent Wreath Lighters - Harriette Huggins (9:00), Don Ball and Jan Widell (11:00)

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New to the Presbyterian Church USA? We would love to share with you more about our Reformed tradition of theology and worship.

New to Auburn, or simply new to this congregation? We'd love to share with you more about the rich history of this church and its valuable contributions to the Auburn community.

Searching for a church home? We would love to join you in that search and help discern whether First Presbyterian may be where God is calling you to be nurtured, inspired, and empowered.

Please take a moment to fill out our online Friendship Register or you may contact either of us directly.

Revs. Nick and Kathy Reed, Co-Pastors



ADVENT POINSETTIAS



The Poinsettias have been given to the Glory of God

in memory of Edward Lee Spencer, Jr., and Ruth Spencer by Spence and Kim Spencer

in honor of Dorothy Hinkle-Uhlig by Daniel and Karl Uhlig

in honor of Frank Uhlig by Daniel and Karl Uhlig

in memory of Jim Foil by the Foil Family

in memory of their parents - Marvin and Inez Reaves, and Alvin and Lois Hecathorn - by Jim and Lynn Hecathorn

in honor of Gail Dillard by Nancy and John Sanker

in memory of Danny Price by Clay and Julie Price

in memory of Tom Spears by Dibba Spears

in honor of Henry Brandhorst by the Walkabout Bible Study Class

in memory of Nancy Calcott, Henry Helmke, Jim Foil, Nancy Gamble, Jo Cooper, and Joyce Bravaldo by the Walkabout Bible Study Class

in honor of Bob and Karen Cochran by Bob and Kay Recknor

in honor of Brian, Christy, Kelly, Steve, and Clint by Bob and Kay Recknor

in memory of Sandra Recknor by Bob and Kay Recknor

in memory of Hazel and John Goodman by Margaret Brinkley and family

in memory of Donald Brinkley by Margaret Brinkley and family

in memory of Reginald Don Gilbert by Hardy Gilbert

in memory of David Killough Searcy by Hardy Gilbert

in memory of Johnny Huggins by Harriette Huggins

by Jay and Susie Gogue

in honor of Joel and Lynda Tremaine with love by Sara, Ella, Emily, and Claire

in honor of Marine Cpl. Christopher D. Bordoni by Wendy Cleveland

in memory of Timothy Boosinger by Marcia Boosinger

in memory of Alton, Christine, Sonya, George, and David French by Linda Stark

in honor of their family by Mike and Carolyn Williams

in memory of John Noessel and Tim Concelman by Frank and Dorothy Bock

in memory of friends lost in 2025 by Mari and Terry Ley

in memory of Joseph Barnett Farr by Kimberly Farr

The two large poinsettias are given in memory of Frances Vowell by her family and the Frances Vowell Flower Fund.