

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**  
The Lord be with you.  
    **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
    **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
    **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**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.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

**COMMUNION ANTHEM** Chancel Choir

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**\*Hymn #13**  
    "PREPARE THE WAY"

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING RESPONSE Hymn #29**  
    "Go Tell It on the Mountain"  
        (refrain)

**\*POSTLUDE**  
  
    \*Please stand if you are able

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**FPC Mission Statement**  
God calls First Presbyterian Church  
to reflect Christ as we strive to:  
Enrich our personal and congregational spiritual growth,  
joyfully embrace visitors and each other in the fellowship  
of a spiritual family, increase knowledge about our faith,  
reach out to serve and include our diverse community,  
and respond to God's call to serve those in need.

December 7,2025 - December 14, 2025

Sunday	<b>Communications Meeting</b> , following service in the library <b>Advent Pilgrimage</b> , 3:30 PM, beginning at First Lutheran Church
Monday	<b>Salvation Army Monday Serving Team</b>
Tuesday	<b>Horizons Bible Study</b> , 10:30 AM, library <b>The Bell Choir Practice</b> , 5:30 PM, Room 214-216
Wednesday	<b>Men's Breakfast</b> , 7:30 AM. America's Kitchen <b>Meals on Wheels Drivers</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> , 6:30 PM.
Thursday	<b>ACCT Client Luncheon</b> , 11:00 AM, fellowship hall
Next Sunday	<b>9:00 Ida Austin Class</b> , online <b>9:15 Quest Bible Study</b> , parlor

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**First Presbyterian Church**  
Galveston, Texas  
**Sunday, December 7, 2025**  
*2nd Sunday of Advent*

**FPC VISION**  
Connecting to the Community with the Love of Christ

PREPARATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Dan Klein, Liturgist

ADORATION

INTROIT

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

The Candle of Peace  
Isidore Mushimiyimana, Emma Uwineza,  
Coen and Elianna

\*OPENING HYMN #20

“WATCHMAN, TELL US OF THE NIGHT”

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have not always walked in Your peace. We let anxiety rule our hearts, and we sow discord among neighbors. We struggle to trust Your promises and to live as peacemakers. Forgive us, Lord, and grant us Your peace — a peace that transforms and sustains. In the name of the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news!  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!


\*RESPONSE HYMN #23

“ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH”  
(refrain only)

OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

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\*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 11:21-27

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21

Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

22

But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.”

23

Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

24

Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”

25

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,

26

and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

27

She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL

Children ages 6 through 5th grade

\*HYMN #9

“O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL”

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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1

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.

2

He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry.

3

He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?”

I

answered, “O Lord God, you know.”

4

Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.

5

Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.

6

I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

7

So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

8

I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them.

9

Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.”

10

I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

11

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’

12

Therefore prophecy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel.

13

And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people.

14

I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MEDITATION