



For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and  
the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name  
shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God,  
The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6



*Peace*

Rev. Dr. Dorothy | Guest Minister  
Kathy, Liturgist  
Linden, Organist

December 7, 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

*The Church Gathers to Worship*

*\*Those who wish may stand.*

MEDITATIVE READING      *Isaiah 11:1-10* (pg 640 [784 LP] OT)

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** With Christmas lights and decorations, with songs and carols— all the nostalgic comfort of music we love;

**People:** With gift buying, card writing, party going, list checking, package mailing, tradition keeping . . .

**Leader:** Somewhere in the “midst” we’ll stop and look behind the veil of all we do, and there see the Christ,

**People:** And touch again the peace of his presence— this child, “laid in a manger” bedded deep and secure within our hearts.

\*HYMN #53

*“What Child is This”*

\*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

\*CORPORATE CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Holy Lord of our lives, we come before you as one body, acknowledging our reliance upon your merciful forgiveness of all we say and do and carry in our thoughts that denies your love for us; your claim upon us; your call to us to “seek kindness and do justice and walk humbly with you.” Forgive us, Gracious Redeemer. Renew the commitment of our hearts to be faithful in all ways to you. Hear us now as we come to you in prayer...

\*PERSONAL CONFESSION (*in silence*)

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*GLORIA PATRI (pg 579 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

*The Candle of Peace:* Katie Burlingame with Amelia, Riley & Ava

*Hearing the Word*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING

*Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19*

(pg 533 [656 LP] OT)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Romans 15:4-13*

(pg 163 [199 LP] NT)

GOSPEL LESSON

*Matthew 3:1-12* (pg 2 [3 LP] NT)

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Dorothy

*To Respond in Faith*

\*HYMN #13

*"Prepare the Way"*

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison* (pg. 16 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*))

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY (pg 592 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*The Service of Communion*

\*HYMN #329

*"Break Thou the Bread of Life"*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

*(Continue on back)*

**Leader:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*) (pg. 16 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Bread is gluten free; wine is in the middle circle of the tray.*

PRAYER (*Unison*)

**Holy God, Gracious Host of all our lives, we have been fed again at this table your food of life, with faith that we might know you, with strength that we might serve you, with love for no reason at all because of your gracious embrace. Thank you, Dear God, for life with you. Bless us on our way as we share your love with others. In Christ's name we pray. Amen!**

HUNGER FUND OFFERING

*This offering is a special collection taken on Communion Sundays to help those in need within our community.*

*To Serve in Love and Hope*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please plan on attending the Children's Pageant on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> in person. It will NOT be live-streamed.**

*PRESENTS FOR PANTHERS: We will be collecting items that support the youth in our Portville School District for this holiday season. Donations can be placed in the Narthex from now to December 14<sup>th</sup>. The focus of this mission will be centered around the following items:*

- *New Toys and Games*
- *Cash Donations*
- *Gift Tags, Bows & Gift Wrap*

*Thank you for your continued support to this local mission!*

\*HYMN #9

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Postlude

Linden

For the Week beginning December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

GREETERS: Jean and Mike  
PRAYER FAMILY: Rev. Marilyn  
ELDER for the Month: Julie

Tues. Office Hours 12/9 8:00 am to 10:00 am

PNC Meeting 3:00 pm

Wed. Office Hours 12/10 8:00 am to 10:00 am

Thurs. Office Hours 12/11 8:00 am to 10:00 am

Next Week

Sun. 12/14 10:00 am:

Sunday School  
Christmas Pageant

Worship Leader: Kari

Greeter:                      Buffy

**HEARING ENHANCERS** are available in the Narthex. Please ask the greeters for assistance.

We will be collecting **RICE** the entire month of December for the **PORTVILLE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**.

There will be a **KEYNOTE CHRISTMAS CONCERT TODAY** at **3:00 p.m.** at the Baptist Church in Allegany.

**AN ASSORTMENT OF ADVENT DEVOTIONALS** is available in the Narthex. Please take one home with you today!

The holiday season can get very busy for all. With that in mind, please remember to turn in any information for the **JAN/FEB NEWSLETTER** to Julie no later than **Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**. **Please note: That is a week earlier than usual!**