

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**November 30, 2025**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

**PRELUDE**

Tommy Clay, Jr.

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING SENTENCES**

Steve Crowley

Awake from your sleep; salvation is near!.

**The night is far gone; the day is at hand**

Romans 13

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES**

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. As the Lord has promised, in days to come...

The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

**Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.**

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

**GATHERING PRAYER**

**God of grace, ever faithful to your promises, the earth rejoices in the hope of our Savior's coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts to receive him when he comes, for he Lord forever and ever. Amen.**

**HYMN** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" Hymn #93

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
behold the King of glory waits;  
the King of kings is drawing near;  
the Savior of the world is here.

Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
make it a temple, set apart

from earthly use for heaven's employ,  
adorned with prayer and love and joy.  
Redeemer, come! I open wide  
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.  
Let me thy inner presence feel;  
thy grace and love in me reveal.

## **CONFESSION AND PARDON**

**God of love, all year long we pursue power and money,  
yet you come in weakness. All season long we covet  
great material gifts, when you alone offer what is  
lasting. Through the work of this Jesus, who comes  
among us full of grace and truth, forgive us, heal us,  
correct us. Then open our lips that we may sing your  
praise with the angels, and remake our lives, that we  
may witness to your transforming love.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**GLORIA PATRI**      “Glory Be to the Father”      Hymn #581

“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.”

## **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Stella Michelle Segui  
Born January 17, 2025

Child of Bryce Segui and Priscilla Sloan

Cooper Curtis Sloan  
Born June 25, 2025

Child of Parker and Jordan Sloan

Brantley James Raven  
Born June 15, 2018

Baylor Theo Raven  
Born September 5, 2022

Brooklyn Michelle Raven  
Born December 22, 2023

## Children of Colby and Makayla Raven

**ANTHEM**      “When Will He Come?”      Chancel Choir

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE

### ***First Reading***

Isaiah 2:1-5 p.481, OT

## ***Second Reading***

Romans 13:11-14 p.124, NT

### ***Gospel Reading***

Matthew 24:36-44 p.21, NT

**Isaiah 2:1-5** p.481, OT

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

## 2

In days to come  
the mountain of the Lord's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

# 3

Many peoples shall come and say,  
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.”  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

**4**

He shall judge between the nations  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;  
neither shall they learn war any more.

**5**

O house of Jacob,  
    come, let us walk  
in the light of the Lord!

**Romans 13:11-14** p.124, NT

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; **12** the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; **13** let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. **14** Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**Matthew 24:36-44** p.21, NT

**36** “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. **37** For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. **38** For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, **39** and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. **40** Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. **41** Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. **42** Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. **43** But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. **44** Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** “Let Us Walk In The Light Of The Lord” Cliff Lyda

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle’s Creed)**

Hymnal p.35

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (with the Lord's Prayer)**

Hymnal p.35

**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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**OFFERING MUSIC**

Tommy Clay, Jr.

**DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Hymn #606

“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.”

**HYMN**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Hymn #88

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain:*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.  
O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
who orderest all things mightily:

to us the path of knowledge show;  
and teach us in her ways to go.

*Refrain:*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times didst give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe.

*Refrain:*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Root of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save  
and give them victory o'er the grave.

*Refrain:*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.

*Refrain:*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

*Refrain:*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations, bind  
all peoples in one heart and mind;

bid envy, strife, and discord cease;  
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

## **BLESSING AND CHARGE**

## **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

“Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place”

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings,  
I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

## **POSTLUDE**

Tommy Clay, Jr.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Details on our website, Facebook, Realm & 386-385-3040.)**

### **Church Activities**

**Small Groups**-Sunday 9:15 am; Tues. 4:00 pm; Wed. 5:00 pm.

**Presbyterian Women**-Circles meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 10:30am & 6:30pm in the Garden Room.

### **Outreach Ministries**

**Bread of Life**-November needs are Parsley flakes, Jiffy cornbread mix, marshmallows, stove top stuffing, turkey gravy packets, cranberry sauce with berries, wide egg noodles, ziploc bags (sandwich size and quart size).

**Social Connections**-Thurs. 1pm in Zoom Rm. Contact Shaaron Kohl 864-378-7032.

**Quilting Group**-Friday's at 10:00 in the Zoom Room, Welcoming new members.

**Shower Ministry**-Thurs. from 2-6pm

**PC3 Ministry**-Monday 2-6pm

**Meridian/Grace Market Place**-Thurs. 2-4pm in the Bartram Rm a representative for assistance.

**CDC (Chemical Dependency Counseling)**-Mon. 8-12; Tues. 8-6, Wed. 8-6, Sat. 8-6.

### **New Opportunities**

**Ascend Music Ministry**-contact Felecia Nelson for an interview/audition starting October 11<sup>th</sup> at [pinkorchidjfn@aol.com](mailto:pinkorchidjfn@aol.com).

**Financial Report** – Through October 31<sup>st</sup> Revenue YTD \$204,810.00; Expenses YTD \$226,590.00; Deficit YTD \$21,779.00

**Update on Brick Opportunity** 15 orders