

*We are a community of sinners saved by the grace of God through Jesus Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit. We seek to glorify God, nurture one another and express the love of God in word and deed.*



*Worship services are livestreamed.*

## SPRING VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



### 4th Sunday of Advent, December 21, 2025 Worship Service Bulletins & Announcements

#### *The Longest Night Service*

**Sunday, December 21 @  
6PM in the Sanctuary**

*Pastor Ben leads a brief service for all to hear words of comfort and to receive blessings for wholeness and healing during the longest night of the year.*

#### **Christmas Eve Service**

**Wednesday, December 24, 2025**

**6-7 PM Christmas Cheer in the Atrium**

**7 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
in the Sanctuary**



**CHILDCARE PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN UNDER 5!**

#### **Upcoming Events**

**Saturday, Dec. 27**  
**Bill Johns' Birthday!**

**Removal of the Greens in the  
Sanctuary @ 9am**

**Sunday, Dec. 28**  
**Combined Worship Service at  
10:30am in Potts Hall**  
**(A carol sing!)**

**Removal of the Greens in  
Potts Hall after the service**

**Sundays beginning Jan. 4**  
**Adult Bible Study: Season 3 of  
the Chosen Series**  
**@ 4pm in CrossRoads**

**Wednesdays beginning Jan. 7**  
**Alpha Class: Learn about the  
Christian Faith with Pastor Ben**  
**@ 5:15pm in Crossroads**

**Friday, Jan. 23**  
**Family Dinner & Bingo Night**  
**5:45pm—7:30pm in Potts Hall**

Traditional Service at 10:30AM in the Sanctuary

**ASSEMBLING IN GOD'S NAME**

**PRELUDE**

"VOLUNTARY ON TWO CAROLS"  
BY DAVID KIDWELL & LOWELL MASON

SCOTT DILLON, GUEST ORGANIST

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

BRIAN CLARK

**ADVENT'S HOLY LIGHT** (SEE INSERT)

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:** THE CANDLE OF LOVE

THE JONES FAMILY

**\* CALL to WORSHIP**

Leader: The Word was made flesh

**ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Leader: God dwelt among us

**ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Leader: Jesus King of glory, sun of righteousness, born of the Virgin Mary

**All: Glory to you O Lord.**

Leader: Jesus Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father

**All: Glory to you O Lord.**

**\* HYMN 41** ..... "O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL"

**\* CALL to CONFESSION**

BRIAN CLARK

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

BRIAN CLARK

*Lord, the world makes so many distractions and the expectations pile up layer upon layer over the simple but profound truth. Thank you that though we are not faithful to you, you are faithful still. Forgive us when we are silent when we should sing. Forgive us when we are so weighed down that we do not lift up our heads to see your grace and hear the good news. Lord, help us so that we may experience your love made flesh, that we may know you care for us.*

**\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

BRIAN CLARK

Leader: For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**SUNG RESPONSE**

"SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD"

HYMNAL, No. 322

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD, FALL AFRESH ON ME;

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD, FALL AFRESH ON ME.

MELT ME, MOLD ME, FILL ME, USE ME.

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD, FALL AFRESH ON ME

**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

REV. DR. J. BEN SLOAN

**GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR**

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### CHOIR ANTHEM

"LITTLE DRUMMER BOY"

COME, THEY TOLD ME (PA-RUM-PUM-PUM-PUM), A NEWBORN KING TO SEE. OUR FINEST GIFTS WE BRING, TO LAY BEFORE THE KING. SO TO HONOR HIM, WHEN WE COME. LITTLE BABY, I AM A POOR BOY TOO. I HAVE NOT GIFT TO BRING, TO LAY BEFORE THE KING. SHALL I PLAY FOR YOU, ON MY DRUM? MARY NODDED, THE OX AND LAMB KEPT TIME. I PLAYED MY DRUM FOR HIM. I PLAYED MY BEST FOR HIM, THEN HE SMILED AT ME, ME AND MY DRUM. COME THEY TOLD ME PA-RUM-PUM-PUM-PUM.

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 JOHN 4:12,15-21

PG. 238; PG. 226

#### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

MATTHEW 5:8

PG. 4; PG. 4

#### SERMON

"HOW TO SEE GOD"

REV. DR. J. BEN SLOAN

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\* APOSTLES' CREED .....HYMNAL, PG 14

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived of 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 on 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 THE PEOPLE

*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*

### WORSHIP WITH TITHES & OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

"THE SONGS OF ANGELS"

DAVID CLYDESDALE

\* DOXOLOGY

HYMNAL, No. 592

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## GOING IN GOD'S NAME

\* HYMN 40 ..... "JOY TO THE WORLD!"

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

REV. DR. J. BEN SLOAN

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

*May the road rise to meet you, may the wind blow at your back, may the sun shine warmly on your face, may the rain fall softly on your fields; and until we meet again, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.*

#### POSTLUDE

"FANFARE ON ADESTE FIDELIS"

PAUL FEY

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*Our time of worship ends and our service to others begins.*



TODAY'S ACOLYTES: GEORGE & EMMIE CLARK



## ***Revelations Service @ 8:30AM in Potts Hall***

*The worship service is being livestreamed.*

### **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath | The Candle of Love: The Bower Family

Call to Worship | "Oh What a Glorious Night"

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Children's Time

### **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

New Testament: 1 John 4:12,15-21 | New Testament: Matthew 5:8

Sermon: "How to See God" | Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

Greet Your Neighbor

### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

"Little Drummer Boy"

Statement of Faith: Apostles' Creed

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Lift Up Our Concerns

Share Our Gifts | "There's a New Kid in Town"

### **GOING IN GOD'S NAME**

Benediction | Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

## **PRAYER LIST**

*SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS AT [WWW.SVPC.ORG](http://WWW.SVPC.ORG).  
WE REMOVE NAMES AFTER FOUR WEEKS UNLESS REQUESTED.*

**Members:** Pete Griffin, The Clutts Family, Ann Perry, David Knowles, The St. Onge Family, Debbie & Grady Allen, AJ Kilgore, Dale Frieden-Bell, Pat Alexander.

**Non-Members:** Tim Anderson (Denise Dale's friend), Terri Whirett (The Seigler's friend), Jackson Richard Jansen (born to Alexy & Ben Jansen, & grandchild of Cathy & Rick Jansen), Dendy Sloan (Pastor Sloan's brother), Leila Evans, Freida Dean, Leesa Aiken (visitor), Lynn van Dijk, Port Loyola & West Street Baptist Churches, Children receiving treatment at Prisma Children's Hospital cancer ward & their families.

For **EMERGENCY** purposes, a defibrillator (in a red case) is available for trained CPR users on the cabinet outside of the pastor's office, as well as one mounted in a white cabinet on the wall outside of the Outreach Room.



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