

*Worship services  
are livestreamed.*

# CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025, 7PM



SPRING VALLEY  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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.



# ASSEMBLING IN GOD'S NAME

## PRELUDE

"AT THE MANGER"

DON PHILLIPS

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

KRISTIN HILL

## ADVENT'S HOLY LIGHT (SEE INSERT)

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: THE CHRIST CANDLE

STAN & ANN PERRY

## \* CALL to WORSHIP FROM THE BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

KRISTIN HILL

Leader: Christ is born!

**All: Give Him glory!**

Leader: Christ is now on earth!

**All: Exalt Him!**

Leader: The Light of the world has come.

**All: Put your hope in Him!**

Leader: O earth, join the angels to sing to Him.

**All: Praise Him in Joy! Glory to you O Lord - Word made flesh - Prince of Peace!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

## \* GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

## WORSHIP WITH TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "O COME O COME EMMANUEL" DAVID COULTER, FLUTE; BILL JOHNS, PIANO

## \* DOXOLOGY HYMNAL, No. 592

## \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

## CHOIR ANTHEM

"O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL"

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

LUKE 2:1-7

PG. 58; PG. 54

SERMON "THE INNKEEPER'S HELPER" 1ST PERSON NARRATIVE/SOLILOQUY 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 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 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.*

SONG "OH HOLY NIGHT" DAVID GORDON & CATHY JANSEN, DUET; LANCE ROPER, GUITAR

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

## INVITATION to the TABLE



# 2025 Poinsettia Dedications

*In honor or in memory of those we love.*

*You are invited to take your poinsettia(s) home  
from the Sanctuary after the Christmas Eve 7pm Candlelight Service.*

**Aceste Richard & Jane**, in memory of Parents, Fred and Catherine Blaha.

**Aceste Richard & Jane**, in memory of Parents, Sam and Nettie Aceste.

**Adams, Tom & Ruth**, in memory of Thomas & Jo Adams, William Sr., and Lois Freeman.

**Adams, Tom & Ruth**, in memory of Larry Freeman, Wayne & Gail Freeman, William Freeman, Jr.

**Adams, Tom & Ruth**, in memory of Bryce Freeman, Lin Freeman and Carl Scott.

**Amodio, Beth**, in memory of Bill Wistrom.

**Amodio, Beth**, in memory of Michael Blatt.

**Bartlett, Leigh, Bart, Louie & Lawton**, in memory of Gene Ziegler.

**Bender, Mark & Drea**, to the Glory of God Triune.

**Bender, Mark & Drea**, in honor of the grands: Austen, Ian, Cath, Gracie, Drew & Claire.

**Bender, Mark & Drea**, in honor of Drea's Christ Care and Chosen classes.

**Bender, Mark & Drea**, in honor of Pastor Ben, SVPC staff, Elders, and Deacons.

**Blocker, Doris**, in memory of Sonny Blocker.

**Bower, Stephen & Patsy**, in memory of Jerry & Marge Quackenbush.

**Bower, Stephen & Patsy**, in memory of Tom & Arla Fennig.

**Bower, Stephen & Patsy**, in memory of Paul & Etta Bower.

**Brinson, Martha**, in memory of Ray Brinson.

**Brugh, Jan**, in honor of my children and grandchildren.

**Campbell, Chris & Liz**, in honor of Daphenal Campbell, Mary Rounds, & Mary Ann Johnson.

**Catoe, Roslyn**, in memory of Dennis Catoe.

**Catoe, Roslyn**, in honor of the Hall Family, Kellie, Brian, Wellslee and Hampton.

**Causey, Mike & Stella**, in memory of our parents.

**Caviness, Doug & Tonja**, in memory of Dick Coulter.

**Caviness, Doug & Tonja**, to the Glory of God.

**Caviness, Doug & Tonja**, in honor of Evelyn Coggins, and Tom & Jo Ann Caviness.

**Caviness, Doug & Tonja**, in memory of Ruth & Jack Caviness, and Robert Coggins.

**Caviness, Tom & JoAnn**, in memory of Ruth & Jack Caviness, Christine Parrott and Joseph Ogg.

**Caviness, Tom & JoAnn**, in honor of Tommy, Alison, Rick, Charlotte and Andrew.

**Clark, Brian**, in memory of my parents, Ann & George Clark.

**Clutts, Andrea**, in memory of Bernard "Bernie" Bessette.

**Coker, Karen**, in memory of Rich 'Coker', Eleanor & Jim Stradley.

**Coker, Karen**, in honor of Jack & Jennie Heinsohn.

**Coulter, Karen**, in memory of Dick Coulter.

**Coulter, Karen**, in honor of my children and grandchildren.

**Coulter, Richard & Becky**, in memory of our parents, Dick Coulter, & Jack & Gerry Harrelson.

**Coulter, Richard & Becky**, in honor of our mother, Karen Coulter, and our children, David & Macey.

**Coulter, Macey & David**, in memory of our Papa, Dick Coulter, from his 5 grandchildren.

**Dale, Denise & Alan**, in memory of Betty and Phil Dale.

**Dale, Denise & Alan**, in memory of Carole and Tommy Douglas .

**Day, Barbara & Dave**, in memory of our parents.

**Dillon, Marilyn, Brent, Elizabeth, Scott and Lee**, in honor of Lois Harmon.

**Dillon, Elizabeth**, in memory of Thomas Harmon, my grandpa.

**Dillon, Elizabeth**, in memory of Andrea McCallum - thank you for everything.

**Dootson, Jeff**, in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Eugene and Ida Dootson.

**Dootson, Jeff**, in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Ross and Doris Monks.

**Dootson, Jeff**, in memory of Dr. Harry Sunshine.

**Dootson, Jeff**, in memory of Dr. & Mrs. Lawrence, Robin, Nathan and Nancy Yellin.

**Duncan, Judy A.**, in honor of my grandchildren: Will, Jack, Owen, Isla, Amelia.

**Eberhardt, Carrie & Mat**, in memory of our parents, Karen Paul and Larry & Carol Eberhardt.

**Griffin, Linda & Pete**, in honor of our grandchildren: Olivia, Sydney, & Ethan Shah, and Liza, Virginia, & Rachel Griffin.

**Haltiwanger, Grady & Kristie**, in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Haltiwanger.

**Haltiwanger, Grady & Kristie**, in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Harry Golden, Ernie Golden & Marie Golden Partain.

**Harmon, Lois, and Brent, Marilyn, Elizabeth, Scott & Lee Dillon**, in memory of Tom Harmon.

**Hedden, David & Jane**, in memory of John & Lucy Hedden, Ballard & Helen Grant, David Grant.

**Hedden, David & Jane**, in memory of Jeff Kehler.

**Hirt, Steve & Glenda**, in memory of Paul Walker.

**Hirt, Steve & Glenda**, in memory of Kevin Hirt.

**Houck, Beth**, in honor of Ronnie and Ann Houck.

**Houck, Beth**, in honor of Dean and Suzy Ellison.

**Jansen, Rick & Cathy**, in memory of Sue & Joe Kiker.

**Jansen, Rick & Cathy**, in memory of Mary Ellen and Jim Jansen.

**Johns, Bill**, in honor of Chancel Choir and Spring Valley Ringers.

**Jones, Steve & Sarah**, in honor of our children, Sadie, Eliza, and Charlie.

**Kittrell, Janet**, in memory of my son, Charles Lloyd Kittrell IV.

**Lacy, Virginia**, in memory of Nelson C. Lacy.

**Love, Janice**, in memory of Ray Love.

**Lybrand, Doug & Debbie**, in memory of John & Sue Woodard, and Jack Lybrand.

**Lybrand, Doug & Debbie**, in honor of Melba Lybrand.

**Maffett, Carolyn**, in memory of Herb, Betty, Richard Smith, and Thomas & Catherine Maffett.

**Maffett, Carolyn**, in honor of Chris, Emily, Alison and their spouses & children.

**Mathis, Rick & Jeanette**, in honor of our children.

**McCallum, James, Jane, and Lizzie**, in memory of Andrea McCallum.

**McCallum, Righton & Brown**, in memory of Andrea Alexander.

**McCallum, Righton & Brown**, in honor of the Roper family.

**McCallum, Righton & Brown**, in honor of the St. Onge family.

**McCutcheon, John**, in memory of Sigrid McCutcheon.

**McDowell, Ray**, in memory of Leland and Mary McDowell.

**McDowell, Ray**, in memory of Ray and Patricia Bryant.

**Meadow, David & Dianne**, in honor of our children and grandchildren.

**Meadow, David & Dianne**, in memory of our parents.

**Meadow, David & Dianne**, in memory of Dr. Rhea Richardson.

**Moore, Tom & Jackie**, in memory of our parents, Hammock & Elizabeth Wall.

**Moore, Tom & Jackie**, in memory of our parents, Sam & Alma Moore.

**Newhouse, Jane**, in memory of William and Eunice Newhouse.

**Nyland, Ben, Mark, Jill, & Dad**, in loving memory of Scott "Bird" Nyland (1973-1999).

**Perry, Ann & Stan**, in loving memory of our friend and faithful choir member, Dick Coulter.

**Perry, Ann & Stan**, in loving memory of our parents, Bill & June Curtiss and Harold & Lib Perry.

**Perry, Ann & Stan**, in honor of our children and grandchildren.

**Raley, Jesse, Jennifer, Holden & Cole**, in memory of Julia "Mimi" Young.

**Richardson, Jane, Ted, Kit, Lauren, Lila, Eli, Bess, & Ben**, in memory of Rhea Richardson, and in memory of Susan and Gerald Mele.

**Seigler, Rallie & Ruth**, in honor of Marshall.

**Seigler, Rallie & Ruth**, in honor of Burr Family & Seigler Family.

**Shook, David**, in memory of Chuck & Linda Shook.

**Sloan, Ben & Kay**, in honor of our children and grandchildren.

**Sloan, Ben & Kay**, in honor of our siblings.

**Strickland, Jim & Jackie**, in memory of James Todd Strickland, son; Raymond Strickland, father; Blanch Strickland, mother; Ralph Smith & Loree Smith (Jackie's parents).

**Stursberg, Kay**, in memory of Pete Stursberg.

**Stursberg, Kay**, in honor of my children and grandchildren.

**Swinson, Ron & Dorothy**, in honor of Gwendolyn Ann White, our 10th grandchild.

**Swinson, Ron & Dorothy**, in honor of our children & grandchildren.

**Tanis Family**, in honor of Marie & Bob Tanis.

**Tanis Family**, in honor of Margaret & Joe Strickland.

**Tolson, Mike & Marsha**, in memory of Joyce Warr, Gertrude and T.J. Tolson.

**Tolson, Mike & Marsha**, in memory of Ken, Wallace, and Warren Walkup.

**Tolson, Dick & Penny**, in memory of Joyce Warr, T.J. and Gertrude Tolson.

**Tolson, Dick & Penny**, in memory of Marion & Elizabeth Galloway.

**Trofatter, Glenn & Susan**, in memory of Dr. Eleanor Porter.

**Watson, Lynn**, in memory of Joe Watson.



*Please accept our apologies for any accidental omissions or errors.*



## WORDS of INSTITUTION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

## PRAYER

## RECEIVING the ELEMENTS

## PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

## LIGHTING of the CANDLES

*Please turn to the person behind you and beside you to assist in lighting candles; do not tip your lighted candle. On the last verse of the hymn raise your candle. Please leave the Sanctuary in silence after the benediction. There are boxes at the exits to leave your extinguished candle.*

## \* HYMN 60

"SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT"

### "SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT"

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

## BENEDICTION

REV. DR. J. BEN SLOAN

*"When the song of the angels is stilled; When the star in the sky is gone; When the kings and princes are home; When the shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among others, to make music in the heart." (Howard Thurman)*

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



*Acolyte: Lily Eberhardt*



*Organist: Bill Johns*

**SUNDAYS, JAN. 4 - FEB. 22**

*A Different Bible Study Using "The Chosen" Series*

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**  
**SUNDAYS, BEGINNING JAN. 4**  
**4 - 5:30 PM, CROSSROADS RM**

Questions? Call or text Drea at 803-479-8591

**Combined Worship Service**

**SUNDAY**  
**DECEMBER 28**  
**10:30 AM**  
**in POTTS HALL**

**Alpha**

Alpha is a series of sessions that explore the foundations of the Christian faith in an honest and non-judgmental environment.

Join Pastor Ben in CrossRoads on Wednesdays from 5:15PM to 6:15PM beginning January 7 through February 11.

**Friday January 23 Potts Hall**

**Hamburgers & Hots Dogs 5:45 - 6:30pm**

**Bingo 6:30 - 7:30pm**

**Prizes for Adults & Children**

**Family BINGO NIGHT**

RSVP at SVPC.org

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

*to review the Annual Report and to present the 2026 budget*

**JANUARY 25 AT 9:30AM**  
**IN POTTS HALL**

**Grief & Share**

**Wednesdays February 25 - March 25**  
**5:15PM-6:15PM in Crossroads**

*Join us and find a space where people will listen, without judgment, and share helpful insights and advice on how to journey through grief.*

## PRAYER LIST

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

**Members:** Joanne Abercrombie, 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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