

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 7, 2025



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First Presbyterian Church of Mount Clemens invites you to

"Come as a guest, leave as family."

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* - Stand if you are able

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December 7, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judi Armstrong

PRELUDE

"Angel Tidings"
Chancel Bells

Arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

***SONG**

"He Came Down"
(Sing "Joy" for the changing word)

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: People of God,

All: Live in the joy of the Lord.

Lighting the Advent candle of Joy

The Sims Family

Family: People of God,

All: Live in the joy of the Lord.

Family: Creation yearns for the glory of the Lord, when the desert will rejoice and flowers will blossom abundantly. People of God,

All: Live in the joy of the Lord.

Family: We wait for God's kingdom coming, when everyone will come home to God with singing; when all peoples will live in joy and gladness. People of God,

All: Live in the joy of the Lord.

Family: We light the third candle, praying for God's joy, God's coming kingdom. People of God,

All: Live in the joy of the Lord

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Peace be with you!

People: And also with you.

YOUNG MESSENGERS OF THE CHURCH (Children's Message)

***SONG**

"Prepare the Way O Zion"

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CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, thank you for your grace. You have called us to walk with you, but we have not followed. Forgive us when we ignore you and each other. Have mercy on us and show us your way so that we can learn to do your will. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

"In Dulci Jubilo"

Good Christian friends, rejoice, With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all, To gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Matthew 1:18-25

This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

All: thanks be to God

SERMON

"Do Not be Afraid: #MoreJoy"

Rev. Kathy Nealand

THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

arr. Kevin Bryant

Chancel Bells

*OFFERING RESPONSE

(tune of *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all Spirit messengers below.
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

***SONG** "Joy to the World" **# 40**

POSTLUDE