

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 21, 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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**BOLD TEXT** – All participate

\* - Stand if you are able

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**December 21, 2025**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**GATHERING**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Martha Delargey

PRELUDE

**\*SONG**

**“He Came Down”**  
**(Sing “Love” for the changing word)**

**STF 2085**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: People of God,

**All: Live in the Love of the Lord.**

**Lighting the Advent candle of Love**

The Jung Family

Family: People of God,

**All: Live in the love of the Lord!**

Family: The world is weary. And yet, we have reason to hope. We have received God’s promise: a sign. People of God.

**All: Live in the love of the Lord!**

Family: We wait for God’s kingdom coming, when God will restore us and save us. People of God,

**All: Live in the love of the Lord!**

Family: We light the fourth candle, praying for God’s love, God’s coming kingdom. People of God,

**All: Live in the love of the Lord.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

The Love of the Lord be with you!

**People: And also with you.**

YOUNG MESSENGERS OF THE CHURCH (Children’s Message)

**\*SONG**

**“Wait for the Lord”**

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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

Luke 2:1-20

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

#### SERMON

"This Will Be a Sign: #MoreLove"

Rev. Kathy Nealand

## THANKSGIVING

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### OFFERING MUSIC

### \*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** "The First Noel" # 56

## POSTLUDE