

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 30, 2025



First Presbyterian Church of Mount Clemens invites you to

“Come as a guest, leave as family.”

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November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peggy Huntington

PRELUDE

***SONG**

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

STF 2085

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: People of God,

All: Live in the hope of the Lord.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Hope Will Come"

James Brighton

Lighting the Advent candle of Hope

Carol and Bill Herhilan

Family: People of God,

All: Live in the hope of the Lord.

Family: God's house will be most holy. People of God,

All: Live in the hope of the Lord.

Family: All nations will come to God's holy place. People of God,

All: Live in the hope of the Lord.

Family: People in God's holy place will not fight; they will grow and love.
People of God,

All: Live in the hope of the Lord.

Family: We give thanks that this place is part of God's holy place, where
we grow and love. People of God,

All: Live in the hope of the Lord.

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

All: Live in the hope of the Lord

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Peace be with you! **People: And also with you.**

YOUNG MESSENGERS OF THE CHURCH (Children's Message)

BLESSING OF THE PATCHWORK QUILTS, FLEECE SCARVES & PRAYER SHAWLS

Gracious and Loving God, we thank You for those who have made these patchwork quilts to give to the Macomb Foster Closet for children and youth in foster care.

May all those who participated in the creation of these quilts be warmed by their act of giving.

May all those who deliver these quilts do so knowing that this work is done in Your name.

May all those who receive these quilts be warmed and comforted by God's love.

Lord God, we ask for Your blessings on the fleece scarves here today which will soon be given to our youth as they travel to Spring Hill Camp.

O God, may our youth always carry the knowledge of Your love and grace with them. Wrap them in your peace and in Your love. Grant the Youth Group and their leaders safe travel and an enjoyable weekend.

Merciful God, we thank you for the creators of these handmade prayer shawls, lap robes, and baby blankets.

Lord God, we know that Your Holy Spirit is here with us this day. We humbly ask Your continued blessings upon on all who are in need. We ask that these handmade items serve as a tangible reminder that the Holy Spirit is always near. Thank you for the hands that created these items.

We ask these things in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen

***SONG**

"Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

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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 1:5-25, 57-80

SERMON “Make Ready a People: #MoreHope” 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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Prayer response: “We hear the message of God, **Do not be afraid.**”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

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

SENDING

***SONG** “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” **# 31**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE