

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 Spirit, 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 living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THE MISSION STATEMENT OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FALLING SPRING

The mission of the Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring is to worship God, proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In our Reformed faith, we believe the Bible to be the authoritative Word of God. As a congregation, we strive to bring believers onto a path of discipleship and covenant to love and serve one another.

## THE VISION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FALLING SPRING

**Loving our God, Living like Jesus Christ  
Learning through the Holy Spirit**

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# CELEBRATION OF MORNING WORSHIP

December 22, 2024

10:00 AM

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PREPARE YOUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP WITH MUSIC & THIS PRAYER:

*Dear Lord, don't let us miss You this Christmas season. Help us to simplify our activities and traditions so we can focus our celebration on Your birth. Thank You for being the Prince of Peace, and I ask You for that supernatural peace to reign in our hearts. Thank You for the simple but life-changing message of Your love for us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are waiting on you, God. We are still waiting.

**P: The darkness is deeper, but look! The star is beginning to shine.**

L: The everlasting light is creeping closer.

**P: Hope is in the air. Peace is promised. Joy is on the tips of our tongues.**

L: Love is coming. Love divine, all loves excelling.

**P: We are waiting on love. And Love is waiting on us.**

**ALL: Let us worship God!!**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of joy, let us rediscover the wonder of Your love this Advent. Help us to rejoice not just in the gifts we receive, but in the gift of Your Son. May our hearts overflow with gratitude and joy as we look forward to celebrating Your birth. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Francisco Family

\*HYMN 166

“While by the Sheep We Watched”

## WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

**Lord God, we praise You for sending light into this world.**

**We confess that we live as though the light had never defeated darkness.**

**We confess that we ignore the Savior You sent to be among us and to live in us.**

**We've kept the birth of Your Son confined to the Christmas season and do not yearn for his coming each moment in our waiting hearts. Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus. Prepare us for His return.**

**Help us rejoice in the light so that Your grace can illuminate the darkened places of our hearts. Amen. (Silent Prayer)**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*HYMN 805 “Gloria Patri”

THE BAPTISM OF JOANNA AND ANDREW TRUESDALE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN 312 vs.2

## TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

READING FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES: PSALM 80:1-7

(pages 340-341)

L: This is the word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

READING FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES: MICAH 5:2-5

(page 865)

L: This is the word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

READING FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES: LUKE 1:26-38

(pages 56-57)

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ANTHEM

“A Celebration of Carols”

arr. Liebergen

SERMON

“The BIG Announcement”

Rev. Dr. Andy Hart

## TO RESPOND IN FAITH

\*HYMN 170

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

\*\*PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

\*HYMN 809 “DOXOLOGY”

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

## TO GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

\*HYMN 161

“Once In Royal David's City”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*The flowers today are for the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents Marion & Carlton Baum and Betty Clare & Donald Spang, given by David & Marty Spang.*

Serving as Ushers today are Joy and Pete Zimmerman.

Welcome to worship! May your experience today deepen your love of God, inspire you to live like Jesus Christ and yearn to always learn through the Holy Spirit. “*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*” Romans 15:13

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

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