

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

8:00 AM

QUIET REFLECTION

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING WORDS AND PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Rev. Dr. Andy Hart

*HYMN 166

“While by the Sheep We Watched”

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.



KYRIE ELEISON

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy. *(Silent Prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES’ CREED

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN 312 vs. 2

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)

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

(pages 56-57)

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