

**WELCOME TO
THE PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
AND CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
December 14, 2025 at 10:00 AM**



*"Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before!
"What if Christmas, 'he thought, 'doesn't come from a store.
What if Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!"*

-Dr. Seuss, How the Grinch Stole Christmas!

 Congregation standing, as able

GATHERING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

PRELUDE “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” CAROL

WELCOME

CANDLE LIGHTING SONG “Light of Light” Coventry Carol
(lyrics on page 6)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: Light of Joy

Advent is a time to turn away from meaningless distractions.

Prince of Peace, clear our minds and calm our hearts.

Advent is a time to notice and count our many blessings.

Prince of Peace, help us recognize all that is good in our lives.

Advent is a time to let go of bitterness and resentment.

Prince of Peace, make us slow to anger and quick to forgive.

Advent is a time to spread peace to the world and around us.



(Lighting the candle of peace)

SALUTATION

 PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

(Please share the peace of Christ with one another.)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN **76** “O Come All Ye Faithful” ADESTE FIDELES
(verses 1 & 4)

GOD'S WORD IS OUR LIGHT FOR THE JOURNEY

PRC SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGEANT

- First Candle Lesson - Light of the Prophets
 Hymn **87** "Once In Royal David's City" (*verse 2*) IRBY
 🕯 Light First Candle

- Second Candle Lesson - Light of the Holy Family
 Hymn **88** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (*verse 1*) ST. LOUIS
 🕯 Light Second Candle

- Third Candle Lesson - Light of the Shepherds
 Hymn **93** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (*verse 1*) GO TELL IT
 🕯 Light Third Candle

- Fourth Candle Lesson - Light of the Magi
 Hymn **95** "What Child Is This" (*verse 3*) GREENSLEAVES
 🕯 Light Fourth Candle

- Fifth Candle Lesson - Light of Christ
 Hymn **86** "Away in a Manger" (*verse 1*) AWAY IN A MANGER
 🕯 Light Fifth Candle

- Final Lesson
 Hymn **92** "Joy to the World" (*verse 1*) ANTIOCH

We wish to thank the following children for helping to lead us in worship this morning:

| Shepherds | Angels | Narrators | |
|-------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Caleb King | Olivia Coyne | Nicholas Post | Sarah Panzitta |
| Julia Post | Sarah Panzitta | Gavin Carline | Junior Decler |
| Liam Cahoon | | Christopher Carline | Olivia Coyne |

Isaiah/Joseph: Jackson Coyne

Herod: Junior Decler

Mary: Renee Panzitta

Chief Priest: Caleb King

Magi: Christopher Carline, Gavin Carline, Nicholas Post

REFLECTING GOD'S LIGHT FOR THE WORLD

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS AROUND THE TABLE...concluding with the Doxology

 DOXOLOGY 965 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" GENEVAN

 AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Rebecca F. Harrison, Spanish Springs Presbyterian Church, Sparks, NV

We are an Advent people, a people of hope.

For us, Advent is a time of waiting, and so we wait.

**We wait for the coming of the One
who is the fulfillment of God's promise,
the fulfillment of hope,
the declaration that we have been redeemed.**

Even so, we are not a naïve people.

**We know that the world in which we live
will continue to be filled with pain and sorrow.**

We know that hatred and violence will continue to exist.

**We know that death and separation will continue to be a part of our
lives.**

**But because we are an Advent people,
we know that none of these things will win in the end.**

**The Holy One is coming, to make holy once again
all that was, is, and ever will be.**

**And in our waiting and our hoping,
we work and worship, pray and play,
in all things hoping that peace, love and joy will reign
in our lives and in our world,
now and forever.**



CLOSING SONG 59

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

FREU DICH SEHR/GENEVAN



BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Sussex Carol”

Mark Hayes



Assisting God’s people in worship are Pastor Eric Nichols and Kim Pavlovich, liturgists; Dan and Hannah Kudrik, worship hosts; Tech Team; Ben Frank, violinist; Kevin Lynch, accompanist; Dan King, Director of Music Ministry.

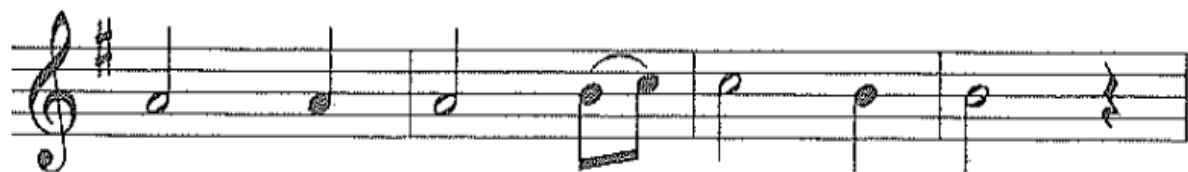
Light of Light

Congregational Part

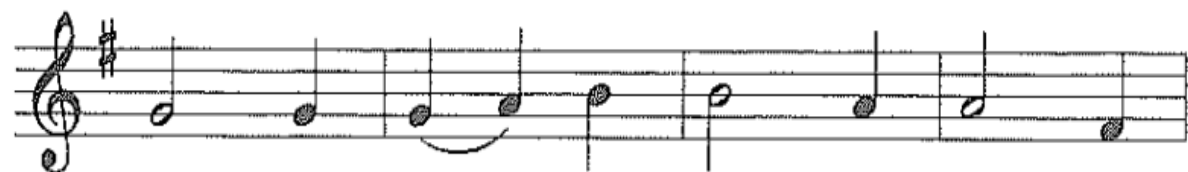
JOEL RANEY



Voi - ces cry out from a world in grief:



prayers of those who seek re - lief.



End their dark - ness, hear their call for



peace on earth, good will for all.

🌀 Calendar and Notices 🌀

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| Sun, Dec 14 | 8:45 am Handbell Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Sunday Scripture (Nan's Room) 10:00 am Sunday Worship and Christmas Pageant (Sanctuary) 10:00 am High School Sunday School (Oxbow) 11:00 am Wassail (Parlor) |
| Tue, Dec 16 | 9:15 am Helping Hands |
| Thu, Dec 18 | 12:00 pm Brown Bags and Bibles |
| Sun, Dec 21 | 8:45 am Handbell Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Sunday Scripture (Nan's Room) 10:00 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary) 11:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (TBD) Youth Group |

Please include in your prayers of intercession: *Skip Dahl, Amanda Posa (cousin of Nicole Carline), Frank Minutolo, Domenick Carofine, Hazel Myers, Lisa Cacici (friend of the Weston's), Mary Tielve, Janet Wright, Margaret Villoresi (Amanda Declet's mother), Jonathon Norman (Roben Roon's cousin), Peggy Carroll, Cindy Van Lunen, June Jesch, Lynn Hutman (friend of Gaye Servideo), Pat Deleu, James Mauro, and Alex S. (friends of Kim Goerg), Tiffany Nix and her brother, Donald Nix, and those awaiting diagnosis or undergoing treatments.*

🌀 Assisting in Worship 🌀

| | <u>Dec 14</u> | <u>Dec 21</u> |
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| <u>Flowers</u> | Jessica Amato | Tom Powers |
| <u>Counter</u> | Rich Ullman | Ken De Berry |
| <u>Ushers</u> | Gaye Servideo | Laura O'Connell |
| | Jessica Amato | Effie Stern |

Christmas Poinsettias... Today is the last day to make a poinsettia offering. If you would like to contribute to the poinsettia fund, please complete a Christmas flower offering envelope and drop it in the offering plate or return it to the church office. Thank you so much for your contributions!

HERE WE COME A-WASSAILING!!! ALL ARE WELCOME! Please join us for our annual Wassail party today, December 14th in the Parlor right after worship. *Feel free to bring an appetizer or sweet treat*, and enjoy a holiday sing-a-long, storytelling, and crafts and cookie decorating for the kids. All ages are welcome and we hope to see everyone there. If you have any questions, contact Jennie Franklyn at 201-452-9694 or jenfrank65@gmail.com.

This year's Christmas offering will be given to Jamaica Red Cross. Hurricane Melissa — a devastating Category 5 storm, left widespread flooding, landslides, and destruction in its wake. Thousands have lost power, homes, and access to essential services. Over 6,000 people are now seeking refuge in emergency shelters supported by the Jamaica Red Cross. Your Christmas offering will help provide emergency shelter, food, clean water, and medical care to families affected by this catastrophic storm.

Advent Schedule

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|  | December 14 | 10:00 am Christmas Pageant (Sanctuary) 11:00 am Wassail Party (Parlor) |  |
| | December 21 | 10:00 am Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship Service (Sanctuary) | |
| | December 24 | 10:00 am Christmas Eve Family Worship Service (Sanctuary) | |
| | December 24 | 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service (Sanctuary) | |
| | December 28 | 10:00 am First Sunday of Christmas (Sanctuary) | |



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