



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE MASTER

Seeking Christ, ... everywhere, every day, in everyone.

December 21, 2025

Longest Night

Please see informational card within the back of the seat before you for worship Liturgy as well as QR Codes for signing the friendship pad, prayer requests, and giving.

When this * symbol appears, the congregation is invited to stand.

Bold text indicates portions of the service to be spoken or sung by the congregation.

Music for Gathering		Brian Jay
Welcome & Announcements		Rev. Aaron J. White
Peace Message	Visit to Nicaragua	Bob Keefer
Introit		PCM Bell Choir

Call to Worship

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

We come, longing for light in our longest nights.

God meets Ahaz in his fear, and meets Joseph in his worry.

God meets us in our questions and our hope.

A child is promised! Immanuel! "God is with us!"

In this promise, we find courage for the days ahead.

Come, people of God!

Let us worship the One who draws near.

Lighting the Advent Wreath "He Came Down" Hymn #137

**He came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
hallelujah forevermore.**

Led by: *The Kastrick Family*

Congregational response on screens.

* Hymn #104 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

* A Prayer of Lamentation Beverly Shelton, Worship Leader

Faithful God, we come before you as we are— tired from waiting, uncertain about the road ahead, carrying griefs we did not choose and questions we cannot answer. Like the house of David, we long for reassurance. Like Joseph, we wrestle with fear and responsibility. Like generations before us, we cry out, "Restore us, O God; let your face shine." In this season of expectation, meet us in the shadows. Hold us when hope feels fragile. Speak to us again your promise that we are not forgotten, that we are not alone, that you are still at work even when we cannot yet see the way forward. We offer you our lament, trusting that you receive it with mercy and love. Amen.

Silence for personal confession.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays | 10:30 a.m.

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* Promise of God's Restoration Rev. Aaron. J. White
God does not abandon those who wait in the dark. The Holy One speaks hope into fear, offers signs in uncertain times, and comes to dwell among us. The child shall be called Immanuel— God is with us.
Even in the longest night, God is with us.
Even in uncertainty and weariness, God is with us.
We wait in hope, trusting in God's restoring love. Amen.

* Song of Praise #583 "Gloria, Gloria"
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

* Passing the Peace

Prayer for Illumination Beverly Shelton, Worship Leader

First Reading Isaiah 7:10-16

Anthem "The Songs of Christmas" PCM Bell Choir

Second Scripture Matthew 1:18-25

Time for the Children Rev. Aaron J. White

Sermon Rev. Aaron J. White

* Hymn #92 "While We Are Waiting, Come"

An Advent Pathway of Light and Prayers

Litany for the Advent Pathway

God of every journey, you have seen the lights we placed along this path—each one a prayer, each one a name, each one a story held in your love.

Receive these lights, O God, as signs of our trust in you.

As we wait for Christ's coming, bind us together as companions on the way.

Make us bearers of love and peace.

Where there is impatience, teach us patience. Where there is pain, teach us gentleness. Where there is fear, teach us compassion.

Make us signs of hope in the longest night.

Send us to walk faithfully with those for whom we pray— with kindness, hospitality, courage, and care— until the day when every shadow is lifted and your light shines fully among us.

We commit ourselves to this way of love, trusting in the One who is called Immanuel—God with us.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

**Please see informational card within the hymnals or screens for the Lord's Supper & the Lord's Prayer.*

Invitation to Discipleship

* Hymn #105 "People, Look East"

* Charge & Blessing

May the God of love, the Christ who is Immanuel, and the Spirit who breathes courage be with you, this day and always.

Alleluia! Amen!

Music for Departing
