Sunrise Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 29, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Jessica Crane Munoz

* Rise in body/spirit

Welcome and Announcements

🎹 Prelude — Of the Father's Love Begotten, *arr. Mark Hayes* — Kim Peachy

Call to Worship:

Leader: How shall we prepare this house of God's for the coming of the Light of the World?

Leader 2: With candles to drive back the shadows, and light the way for our King.

Leader 1: How shall we prepare this house of God's for the coming of the eternal Christ?

Leader 2: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

Leader 1: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Holy One?

Leader 2: By singing choruses of hope and songs of praise to God who comes near to us.

Leader 1: How shall we prepare our minds for the coming of the Son of God?

Leader 2: By listening again to the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving works of God.

Leader 1: For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that through him all might be saved.

Leader 2: Glory to God in the highest! Enter, Prince of Peace!

Advent Candle Lighting

♫ **Hymn # 85** — **Light One Candle** — vs. 1 two times

Verse 1: *Light one candle to watch for Messiah; let the light banish darkness.*
He shall bring salvation to Israel; God fulfills the promise.

***Prayer of Confession (In unison)**

What have we done to you, O God? We dishonor you every time we treat another with disrespect. We shatter your heart when we find it easier to break our word than to keep it. We fill your ears with gossip, lies, and slander as we speak about those around us. Yet you forgive our foolishness; your strength overcomes our weakness,

your love mends the hurts we cause. In this, you give us renewed hope and life. Amen.

***Response of Praise: Gloria in Excelsis Deo** (Hymn #113 refrain, words below)
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

*Passing of Peace
Leader: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **All: and also with you**

Prayer of Illumination
Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word, so that we may see the glorious signs of your promise fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture — Liturgist: Joe Hoseck

Children's Message — If two or more are present

***♫ Hymn # 82 (seated) Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

Chrismons & Christmas Tree Decorations — Carol Stilli

🙏 **Blessing of the Greens: (unison)**
Eternal God, in the beginning you spoke, and your Word became the beautiful creation in which we dwell. We rejoice in this gift of creation, and in Christ, the Word-made-flesh, who entered, into this world to live among us. May the wreaths and greens of the season remind all who see them of your eternal power and presence through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

♫*Hymn # 97 Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

Placing of Chrismons on the Christmas Tree
You received a Chrismon ornament as you entered into the sanctuary today. You are now invited to come forward and place your ornament on the tree. If you are

unable to bring your ornament forward, please hand it to someone else seated near you for them to hang on the tree.

🙏 **Prayer following placement of Chrismons (unison):**

Holy One, in this season of Advent, amidst distractions, obligations, gatherings, and the general hub-bub of the season, let us look upon this evergreen tree and see you.

Let us see the hope represented in greenery in winter, the signs of Christ at work in the world, the reminders of the many ways we as Christians are present for one another and for people who we do not know. May our church tree be a symbol of your love, and your dominion, in this world and in our congregation. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering:

We are called by God to present a harvest of righteousness- not by virtue of our own works, but by the grace of the one who began a good work in us, and is even now bringing it to completion. Let us bring the offerings of our lives to the Lord.

Offering trays are not currently being passed in the sanctuary though we continue to recognize the importance of blessings and giving through the offertory portion of our service. If you wish to make a financial gift, an offering tray is located at the entrance to the sanctuary. Financial gifts may also be made through the church website.

🎹 Offertory Music — Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming, *arr. Jay Rouse* — Kim Peachy

***♫ Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

🙏 ***Offertory Prayer**: (in unison)

God of all righteousness, receive these gifts of gratitude, the offerings of our lives. Purify them with your refining fire so that they may serve your purposes and shine with your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***♫ Hymn # 86** **The People Who Walked in Darkness**

🙏 **Blessing for the Season: (unison prayer)**

Holy Lord, we come with joy to anticipate the birth of your Son; the one who rescued us from the darkness of sin, by making the cross a tree of life and light. May this tree before us, arrayed in splendor, remind us of the life-giving cross of Christ, that we may always rejoice in the new life given to us through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

🙏 **Prayer of Intercession**

Reader 1: Kings of Kings – We praise you for the wonderous gifts of life that you bring us. Even as we offer you praise, we see and name the brokenness of the world around us.

Reader 2: Lord of Lords – We offer our prayers to you today: for the world, for our country, for our state, our city, and our church community. Bless leaders with wisdom and foresight that they may follow your will in all things.

Reader 1: Emmanuel – We pray for those who are displaced by war, by natural disaster, and by change of circumstances. Give shelter to your people in need in all places where there are women, men, and children exposed to unforgiving elements and unsafe environments.

Reader 2: Prince of Peace – We pray for those who are sick, who are mourning, who are recovering from illnesses. We pray for those who are born on this day, and those who will die this day. May your presence be known in every circumstance.

Reader 1: Messiah – We offer you the prayers of our hearts this day as well. Know the places within us that are longing for you care. Know our needs before we speak them, and give our hearts both comfort and joy knowing that we are always in your care.

Reader 2: We lift these prayers to you in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying:

The 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

♫ ***Hymn # 88** **O Come, O Come Emmanuel** **vs. 1, 2, 6**

***Benediction**

🎹 Postlude — O Come, All Ye Faithful — Kim Peachy

👏 *arr. James Koerts*

*Please rise in body/spirit as you are able.

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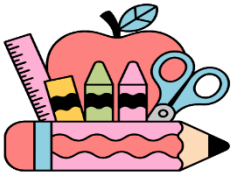
Bulletin Symbols: 🙏 prayer, ♫ congregational singing, 🎹 music, 👏 clapping, ✞ special church liturgy, * standing, **bold text** indicates all speak/participate.

DEACONS TREE - THE REMEMBER TREE

Bring an ornament to hang on the tree to remember a loved one that has passed. Bring your ornament, and the name of the person you are remembering and hang it on our tree during advent season.



Christmas Wish List for Lewis & Clark Elementary

- *Clorox Wipes*
- *Spin Mop*
- *Dry Erase Pens/Erasers (Bright Colors)*
- *Gently used games*
- *The game of Chess (5 of these please)*



Millie has the complete list, please see her to get that. The deadline for these donations will be December, 17th. Kris will put a donation box next to the office. The teachers will be appreciative for anything you can give, but please try to stick to their list.

This is the wish list from last year; we have a new one coming soon

FISH has had an influx of individuals & families needing assistance with food. Here are the numbers from fish so far this month. Sunrise has donated over 17 lbs. of food this month alone. FISH has sent us a thank you email to our congregation! Keep up the good work!

FISH Statistics	Adults	Children	Families Fed	Pounds of Food Distributed
Month of October	96	53	82	5723



Toss your loose change in our *Wishing Well*

Bring a coin for every year you are old to celebrate your birthday on the first Sunday of your birthday month.
Or add your change any time.
Collected funds will go to purchase a well through Living Water for the World, a PCUSA organization dedicated to providing clean drinking water around the world.

Coin collection begins January 2027

Advent & Christmas at Sunrise 2026

Nov 22: Kids Christmas Craft Event 1-4pm
> register online now
Nov 28: Sanctuary decorating 10am-12pm
Nov 29: Advent 1
Dec 6: Advent 2 & Congregational Meeting to elect officers
Dec 13: Advent 3 & Children's Program & Cookie exchange
Dec 20: Advent 4 Worship
Dec 24: Christmas Eve candlelight service 7pm
Dec 27: Scriptures & 12 Days of Christmas in Worship

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Calendar of Events

November Deacons: Beth Hoseck & Pam Chigbrow			
Nov 29	Sun	9:30 am	Worship; Advent One
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		10:45 am	Sunday School: practice for kids' program
December Deacons: Tana Harp & Jacinte McCullough			
Dec 3	Thu	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Dec 6	Sun	9:30 am	Worship; Advent Two Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers & Approve Pastor's Terms of Call
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		10:45 am	Sunday School: practice for kids' program
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting
Dec 7 – 11	Mon/Fri	9 – 11 am	FISH Work Days (More volunteers needed)
Dec 7	Mon	1:00 pm	Scout Pack Meeting
Dec 13	Sun	9:30 am	Advent Three: Worship with Communion; Children's Christmas Program
		10:30 am	Fellowship; annual cookie exchange, no Sunday school until January
Dec 15	Tue	5:30 pm	Session (one week early due to holiday)
Dec 16	Wed	6:00 pm	*No Dec. mtg Faith/Life, Mission committee*
Dec 20	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
Dec 21	Mon	1:00 pm	Scout Pack Meeting
Dec 24	Thu	7:00 pm	**Christmas Eve Service**
Dec 25 – Jan 2	Fri/Sat	All Day	Pastor Jessica on Vacation
Dec 25	Fri	All Day	**Merry Christmas; Office Closed**
Dec 27	Sun	9:30 am	Worship Remember to wear your nametags
		10:30 am	Fellowship
January Deacons: Sue Petersen & Sandy Lambert			
Jan 1	Fri	All Day	**New Years Day**