

**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:**

**Liturgist:** Elaine Partin  
**Greeters:** Patti Knox, Trent Mann  
**Elders on Duty:** Sally Burek, Mickey Norris  
**Children's Church:** Arrie Turner, Amy Starling

**LOYD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PROGRAM TEAM:**

Reverend Tyler Brock, Pastor  
Adrienne Hardie, Church Secretary  
Rick Robertson, Pianist  
Su Lee, Organist  
Melissa Robertson, Nursery Worker  
Koren Stapp, Nursery Coordinator  
Pam Darden, God's Promised Land Coordinator  
Madison Shelton, Youth Director

**LOYD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

December 15, 2024  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
3rd Sunday of Advent

**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY:**

	<b>Liturgist:</b>	<b>Elders on Duty:</b>
<b>Dec. 22</b>	Madison Shelton	Karen McBride, Mike Pauley
<b>Dec. 29</b>	Youth	Koren Stapp,
<b>Jan. 5</b>	Gina Bradfield	Stacy Cline, Mickey Norris
<b>Jan. 12</b>	Sandy Mann	Lois Vincent, Mike Pauley
<b>Jan. 19</b>	Mike Pauley	Karen McBride, Koren Stapp
<b>Jan. 26</b>	Karen McBride	

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**USHER/GREETER ROTATION:**

**1st Sunday:** Wade Hall, Trudy Calhoun  
**2nd Sunday:** Veronica & Brock Sirmons  
**3rd Sunday:** Patti Knox, Trent Mann  
**4th Sunday:** Chase Darden, Jeff Darden  
**5th Sunday:** Youth

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*If you are interested in church membership,  
or have a question about the life and ministry of this congregation,  
please speak with Tyler.*



*Please scan this code if you would like to make an online donation.*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR AND PRELUDE

“Tidings of Comfort and Joy” (arr. Brian Childers)  
The Savior's Soundwaves

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

\*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

*All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:  
Come and Worship, come and worship.  
Worship Christ, the newborn king.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Promised One of God brings good news to the  
oppressed and binds up the brokenhearted.

**All: We are witnesses to the light of Christ!**

One: The Promised One of God proclaims liberty to captives and  
release to prisoners.

**All: We are witnesses to the light of Christ!**

One: The Promised One of God comforts all who mourn and gives  
a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

**All: Rejoicing always, praying without ceasing, holding fast to  
what is good, we are witnesses to the light of Christ!**

\*HYMN

“Once in Royal David's City”

PH #49

**\*\*Please be seated following hymn\*\***

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

<b>Today</b>	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship
	12:00 PM	Congregational Meeting Christmas Lunch
	3-8 PM	Darden Hall Rented
<b>Wed. Dec. 18</b>	12:00 PM	JL Circle Christmas Lunch at Peggy Darden's home
<b>Thurs. Dec. 19</b>	6:00 PM	MD Circle Christmas Party in Darden Hall
<b>Sat. Dec. 21</b>		CB/Pavilion Rented
<b>Tues. Dec. 24</b>	6:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service
<b>Sat. Dec. 28</b>		CB/Pavilion Rented

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

**Merciful God, you love justice; why, then, do we persist in wrongdoing and every form of evil? You have given us the gift of your Spirit; why, then, do we quench the Spirit among us? You have given us the words of the prophets and the Word himself; why, then, do we despise and ignore what we have heard from you? You have sent the light into the world; why, then, have we loved darkness rather than light? Forgive us. Restore us. Till and tend us as your garden until righteousness and praise spring up, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

*(A time for silent prayer)*

### WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: In Jesus Christ, the Lord has done great things for us! Even if we have gone out in tears, God brings us home shouting for joy.

**All: Thanks be to God: we are forgiven!**

### RESPONSE OF PRAISE

PH #38

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

*And ye, beneath life's crushing load, Whose forms are bending low,  
Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,  
Look now! For glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:  
O rest beside the weary road, And hear the angels sing.*

### APOSTLE'S CREED (IN UNISON)

**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 Ghost,  
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 quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Carol of the Bells” (arr. Kevin McChesney)  
The Savior's Soundwaves

### \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him all creatures here below.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*\*\*Please be seated following prayer\*\**

SCRIPTURE READING Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: JOY

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 3:7-18

MESSAGE “The Joy of God Among Us”

Reverend Tyler Brock

### MUSICAL MEDITATION

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, you are in our midst, **renew us in your love.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (IN UNISON)

**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 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” PH# 44 (VERSES 1-3)

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE PH# 44

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

*O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!*

\*POSTLUDE “Angels We Have Heard on High”  
(arr. Robert J. Hughes)  
Su Lee, organ

*Thank you to our musical guests,  
The Savior's Soundwaves from First Baptist on the Square.  
Led by Sally Traylor, Director, and Kristen Barnes, Assistant.*

**\*Please rise in body or spirit as you are able**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Happy Birthday this week to: (12/15) J.J. Brown; (12/17) Amy Crites; (12/18) Nita Burgess.

Please join us today for a Christmas Lunch, following worship and the congregational meeting.

If you would like to make a pledge for 2025 and have not received a pledge letter and card in the mail, additional copies can be found in the Narthex.

There will be a brief congregational meeting following worship today for the purpose of approving the 2027 class of Elders. The nominees are Jameel Dixon (Communications), Sherry Rayfield (Finance), and Veronica Sirmons (Clerk). Afterwards, please join us for a Christmas Lunch.

The Jo Loyd Circle will have a Christmas Lunch at the home of Peggy Darden on Wednesday, December 18 at 12:00pm.

The Mollie Darden Circle will have a Christmas Party on Thursday, December 19 at 6:00pm in Darden Hall.

If you would like to contribute to the Chancel Fund for the Christmas Decorations in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone, please fill out the form in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate or in the finance office mail slot. Today is the last day to make a contribution.

We will have a Christmas Eve Service Tuesday, December 24 at 6:00pm.