



Resounding

JOY

—CHURCH—

Presbyterian Church (USA)

ResoundingJoy Church
seeks to center on **Jesus**,
live **open** to all people, and
say **yes** to Jesus' call to serve.



December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

Awaiting Love

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Carol and Ken Carl

Sung Response

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Hymn #88, verse 2

Allowing Love

Scripture — Isaiah 40:1-5, 9

All: Sing of One who prophets told

In the Darkened days of old;

God would send – His precious Son

Watch and wait, for he will come!

Choir

“What Shall We Sing for the Child?”

arr. Howard Helvey

Reading

Allowing Love

Peggy Ottke

Carol

“Love Has Come”

Hymn #110

Accepting Love

Scripture — Luke 1:26-35

Ryan Hamilton

All: Sing of One, the angel tells

Within a maiden’s body dwells

Lo the day is drawing near

When our salvation will appear

Choir

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

arr. Howard Helvey

Reading

Accepting Love

Carol

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Hymn #82



Attending to Love

Scripture — Matthew 2:1-12

**All: Sing of those who from the east
Came to find the Prince of Peace
Like them, may we also bring
Gifts of love to Christ, our King**

Offertory

“What Can I Give Him?”

arr. Howard Helvey

Attending to Love in Prayer

Carol

“The First Nowell”

Hymn #147 (Verses 1-3)

Benediction

Postlude

“Joy to the World”

arr. by Brant Olstad

All the selections sung by the RJC Choir this morning were arranged by Howard Helvey as parts of his Christmas cantata, “Sing We Now of Christmas.” We are grateful for his permission to use these selections in our service this morning.

OFFERINGS

You can share your offerings by putting it in the plate during the service, or you can give online at this link: <https://resoundingjoy.church/give> or by scanning this QR code. Loose change will be donated to SON Ministries.



***All who are able may stand.**

Boldface Print indicates sung or spoken participation by the congregation.

The leadership of the church advises that you may be a part of our online streaming service.

Please turn your cellphones to silent mode in order to not interrupt the service.

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode, Organizing Pastor

Tammy Manger, Church Administrator

Brad Caldwell, Music Director

Michele Wright, Communications Director

Lori McDonough, Worship Leader

Ryan Hamilton, Digital Coordinator

Announcements

• Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 14

9:00 a.m. Discipleship and Education

9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:45 a.m. Discipleship and Education

Monday, December 15

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, December 16

6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

7:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 17

6:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Thursday, December 18

Friday, December 19

Saturday, December 20

10:00 a.m. Practical Grace Non-Food Pantry

11:00 a.m. AA Meeting

• Discipleship/Education Opportunities

We have two opportunities to meet in small groups for discipleship and education. All are welcome!

– Sunday, 9–10 a.m. in Room 21

– Sunday, 11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in Room 10 (Choir Room)

• Christmas Eve Service — 5 p.m.

On Christmas Eve, we will have a single service at 5 p.m. that will center on the carols and stories of Christmas and will end in candlelight. Please note this for your family gatherings and planning for December.

• Financial Giving Intentions for 2026

While we dedicated our initial round of intentions for 2026 last Sunday, we are still, of course, accepting ones that are still to come in. You can return the intention card to the church office at any time or fill out the online form at <http://bit.ly/RJC-2026>. Thank you for your financial support of our common ministry!

• Practical Grace Non-Food Pantry

The next Practical Grace opportunity: Packing product boxes **December 19** starting at **1 p.m.** and product distribution on **December 20** from **10 a.m. to Noon.**

• Advent and Christmas at RJC

Our focus for the Advent season is on a four-fold prayer practice of awaiting, allowing, accepting, and attending to the working of God's Spirit during this Holy Season. Pastor Ed has written a devotional for the season that you can begin using on the first Sunday of Advent and going through several days after Christmas. The devotional will be available as a PDF file you can print on your own or use electronically. A limited number of copies will be printed but please reserve those for people who do not have the ability to print at home. If you would like to purchase a more professionally printed copy, it is available on amazon.com for \$14.99 at

<https://a.co/d/6nnNI3w>.

• Collection for SON Ministries

For December, please bring toddler hats and gloves.

• Our Tree

Our tree has a name! We planted our Greenspire Linden on September 5, two days before our first official Sunday together. And after our congregational vote last week, say hello to CharaJoy! Feel free to greet her by name as you come into the church building!

• Prayer Chain Email List

If you would like to be added to the prayer chain email list, please contact **Fern Caldwell**. If you are on the list and would prefer to just receive the weekly Joys and Concerns summary, please let Fern know to remove you.

• Christmas Joy Offering

On Sundays, today and the 21 we will be collecting the PCUSA Christmas Joy special offering. This is an additional giving opportunity. This offering provides support for Presbyterian church workers and their families in their time of need, and leadership development and education for communities of color at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. You can give using the special envelopes provided on those Sundays or give online to the Christmas Joy Special Offering fund. For more information on this offering follow this link: <https://pcusa.org/special-offerings/christmas-joy-offering>