



# 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 7, 2025  
Second Sunday of Advent

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

**"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"**

*arr. David Ferreira*

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Ron and Terre Ries

Scripture Reading

**Luke 1:46-56**

Sung Response

**"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"**

**Hymn #88, verse 7**

Awaiting Peace

Doris Haubner

Praying Together\*

God of starry skies, into your peaceful presence we bring our whole selves: anxieties, concerns, distractions, projects, dreams, and disorders. We know that in this unjust and chaotic world, peace is difficult to find and maintain, but we hunger for peace today. Reveal the ways we have blocked or prevented your peace within us and our communities. Expand our capacity for peace as we remember the manger, where peace first began to grow. Help us re-imagine systems that would make space for more peace. May the peace of Christ fill us in worship today. Amen.

Song/Hymn\*

**"My Soul Gives Glory to My God"**

**Hymn #99**

A Practice of Peace

Allowing Peace

Offering and Offertory

**"Candles of Advent"**

*Nancy Price and Don Besig*

ResoundingJoy Choir

Response of Gratitude

**"Prepare the Way of the Lord"**

**Hymn #95**

Prayer of Dedication

Accepting Peace

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Song

**"Come, Emmanuel"**

*Twila Paris*

Lori McDonough, Chris Lowry

Attending to Peace

Reflection

**"Attending to Peace"**

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

Song/Hymn\*

**"This is My Song"**

**Hymn #340**



## Benediction

### Responsive Benediction

One: Let us affirm our commitment to and belief in the Christian discipline of peace.

**All: Jesus taught his disciples, “When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’”**

One: Jesus taught his disciples, “If someone who promotes peace is there,  
your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you.”

**All: We believe peace is expensive. Peace is costly. What will we sacrifice for the sake  
of peace?**

One: We believe peace is humble. Peace is willing to apologize. What ground will we concede  
for the sake of peace?

**All: We believe peace is intentional. Peace is slow. What efficiency will we lose for the sake  
of peace?**

One: We believe peace is brave. Peace has boundaries. What changes will we make for the  
sake of peace?

**All: We believe those who make sacrifices for the sake of peace will be made whole again,  
for Jesus makes all things new.**

One: Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God.

**All: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors!**

Benediction Response\*

“While We Are Waiting, Come”

Hymn #92  
Verse 2 and refrain

## Postlude

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## 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.



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**\*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.**

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## 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 7**

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 8**

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

### **Tuesday, December 9**

6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

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

### **Wednesday, December 10**

### **Thursday, December 11**

### **Friday, December 12**

12:00 p.m. Forever Young

### **Saturday, December 13**

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)

## • Forever Young

On Friday December 12 at noon, the Forever Youngs will be going to Ron's Roost at 3853 Race Rd.

If you plan to join us, please contact **Jill Pepple** or **Pat Ossenschmidt**.

## • 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!

## • 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>.

## • Lessons and Carols Service — Dec. 14

Mark your calendars! During our regular worship time on Sunday, Dec. 14, the ResoundingJoy choir will be providing a musical worship experience with songs and readings from "Sing We Now of Christmas." This special service would be a great opportunity to invite your friends and family to worship with us!

## • 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!

## • Christmas Joy Offering

On Sundays, December 14 and 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.