



# 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.



November 30, 2025  
First Sunday of Advent

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Greg and Nancy Husdon, and Beth Lohner

**Scripture Reading**

**Luke 1:26-38**

**Sung Response**

**“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”**

**Hymn #88, verse 1**

**Awaiting Hope**

Donna Hadley

**Praying Together\***

God there are so many reasons to not await hope. Our climate is messed up. Countries are in conflict with one another and within as well. The world is not as we would like it to be and it surely is not as you desire it to be. Yet you still ask us to open our hands to await this hope. Help us to see the ways that hope is present and let those ways fall into our hands in ways that we feel, we see, we hear, we taste, and we can smell. Amen.

**Message — Awaiting Hope**

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

**Sung Response**

**“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”**

**Hymn #82**

**Allowing Hope**

**A Practice of Hope**

**Sung Response**

**“Live into Hope”**

**Hymn #772**

**Accepting Hope**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Sung Response**

**“Lo How A Rose Ere Blooming”**

**Hymn #129**



## Attending to Hope

Offering and Offertory

Response of Gratitude

Prayer of Dedication

## Benediction

Benediction Response\*

“While We Are Waiting, Come”

Hymn #92,  
Verse 1 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, November 30**

- 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

- 10:30 a.m. Worship

- Monday, December 1**

- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

- Tuesday, December 2**

- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

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

- Wednesday, December 3**

- 6:00 p.m. Ministry Night

- Thursday, December 4**

- Friday, December 5**

- Saturday, December 6**

- 11:00 a.m. AA Meeting

- **The Adult Sunday School Class**

- Meets every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited. Please join us!

- **Collection for SON Ministries**

- For December, please bring toddler hats and gloves.

- **Christmas Potluck — Dec. 7**

- Sunday, December 7, starting at 4:30 p.m.**

- Please wear your boldest, brightest, and most festive outfits as we share an evening of food, fellowship and Christmas carols. Ham, rolls and drinks will be provided, and we are asking you to bring a side dish or dessert to share. After a delicious meal, we will all join together for a Christmas carol sing-along. Can't wait to see everyone start off the holiday festivities together!

- **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!

- **Lessons and Carols service — Dec. 14**

- 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.