Assemble in God's Name

Prelude
Ringing of the Church Bell

Welcome
Read Vision Statement

God's timeless love transforms each of us to joyously continue the ministry of Jesus Christ in our community and in our world.

***Call to Worship**
L: When fear and doubts stroll through our doors,
P: God stands beside us, whispering of peace.
L: When we toss and turn late at night,
P: God sits by our beds, singing lullabies of love.
L: When we stumble through the shadows of sin,
P: God illuminates the paths of goodness, joy, and hope.

***Lighting of the Advent Wreath - *"God with Us, Emmanuel"* by Joel Raney**
Choir Sings: Maker of the stars of night, of the sun by day, rise in us and bring your light; burn our shadows away. In the darkness where we dwell, we await the light of God, Emmanuel.

Responsive Litany: FIRST SUNDAY- He Will Be Called Mighty Counselor
L: During Advent, we wait for the coming Savior who is our Wonderful Counselor
P: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you
L: We anticipate the One who hears our prayers
P: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you
L: We anticipate the One who heals our infirmities
P: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you
L: We anticipate the One who reviews our faith
P: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you
L: We anticipate the One who ignites our hope

Candle Lighting & Reading
Congregational Response *"God with Us, Emmanuel"* (see insert)
Concluding Prayer

***Prayer of Invocation**
Dear Heavenly Father, it's the first Sunday in Advent, a season of anticipation and celebration — a time to reflect on every good thing You've already done for us in Jesus, and the glorious things yet to be realized. You've made promises You alone can keep. You give peace that can be found nowhere else. You've pledged a hope You alone can fulfill. We praise You! We bless You! We worship You! As Advent progresses, fill us to overflowing with gratitude, humility, joy, and hope. Amen.

Hymn** *#353* ***"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"
***Call to Confession**
Trusting in God's unfailing mercy, let us open the dark places of our lives to His healing light and confess our sins together.
***Unison Prayer of Confession**
Lord, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Silent Prayers of Confession**
***Assurance of Pardon**
Hear the good news of hope. Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Amen.

Responsive Hymn** *#839* ***"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!" (vs 1)
Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. This is my story; this is my song. Praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
***Share the Peace of Christ with One Another**

Proclaim God's Word

Special Music Peggy Dolezal
Moment for Children
Prayer of Illumination Hymn #288 ***"Spirit of the Living God"***

Responsive Reading: Psalm 71:1-6 Page 695
Gospel: Mark 4:35-41
Sermon ***"Hope in the Midst of Storms"*** Janet Ellingson

Hymn** *#819* ***"Be Still, My Soul"
***The Apostle's Creed:** (page 35 in hymnal)

Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns
The Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Give Thanks to God

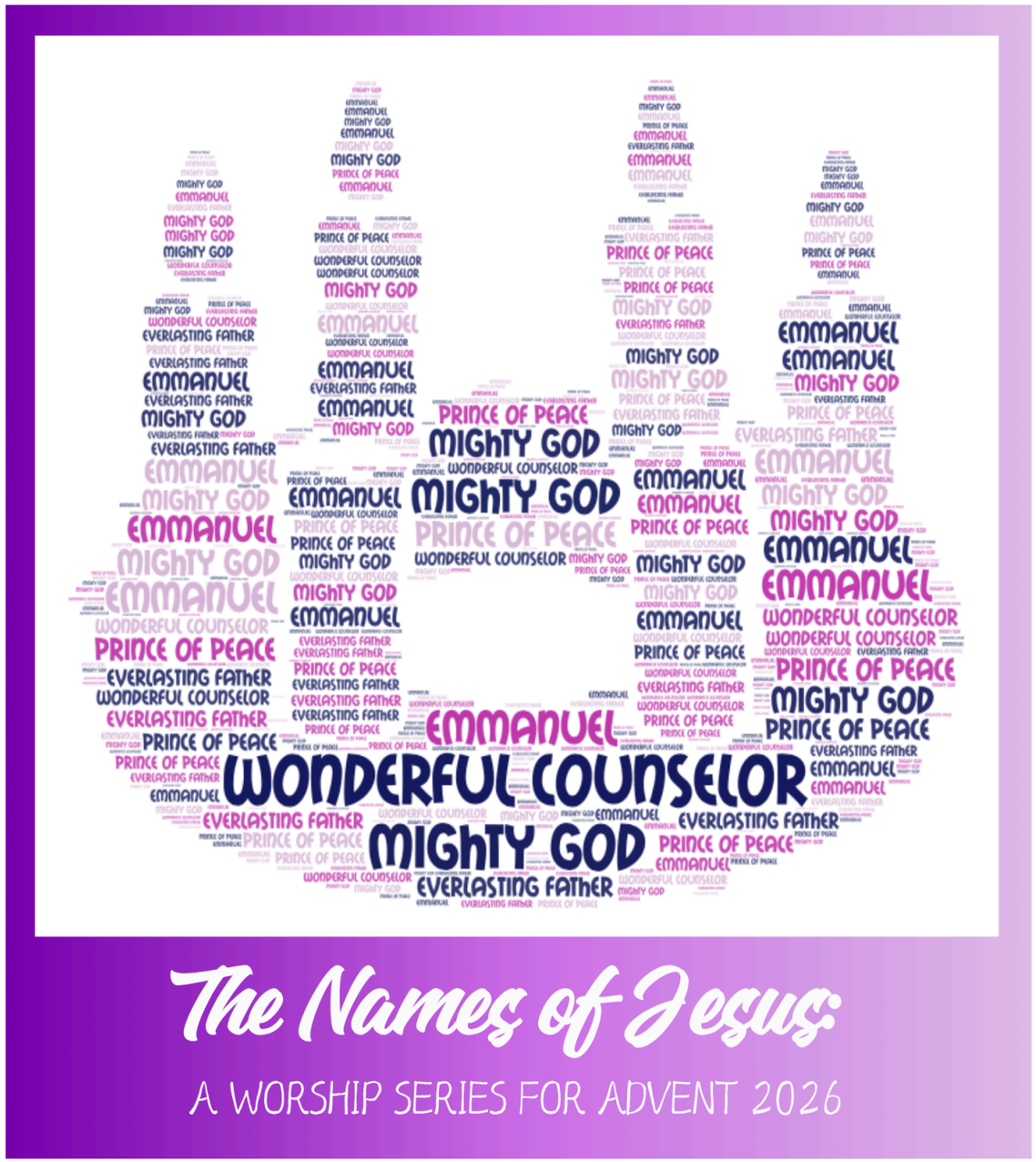
Call for the Offering
Let us present our gifts today with joy, gratitude and hope.

God's Tithes and Your Offering Received
Offertory
Responsive Hymn** *#647* ***"Give Thanks"
Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.
And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

***Offertory Prayer**
Gracious God, as we enter the season of anticipation, we offer our gifts with hopeful hearts, ready to live attentively and bring love and joy to the world. Amen.

Hymn** *#838* ***"Standing on the Promises"
***Benediction**
May the God of hope fill you with all the joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Postlude**
**Please stand in body or spirit.*
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December Friendship Dinner

Join us for food, fellowship, & fun that is FREE! The December Friendship Dinner will be on **Sunday December 13th from 11:15am-12:30pm** following our Christmas Program. The menu will be tater tot hotdish with cornbread, sides, beverages, & desserts! Invite a friend and come on down!

Mittens & More Trees for Share the Spirit

The Mittens & More trees are up in the Narthex for Share the Spirit this season. The Deacons are asking that **all items be brought to church by Sunday November 29th** so they can be delivered on time. YFA and the Mission Committee partnered together to donate 93 items under the tree this year. We'd love to see that continue to grow!

Christmas Program 2026

The 2026 Christmas Program will feature both the kids and the adult choir on **Sunday December 13, 2026 during our regular worship.** The program focuses on the 4 weeks of Advent as we wait and prepare for the Christ Child to arrive.

Bulletin Deadline: Thursdays at 12pm

As part of his ministry here, Quentin has been given the bulletin from Tina's plate. As a result, because Quentin takes Friday as his Sabbath, please have all announcements and additions to the bulletin to the office by Thursdays at 12pm. Please don't assume that Quentin knows your announcement should go in the bulletin, make sure you send things that the congregation should know! Announcements can either be sent to Quentin or Tina to be put in the bulletin. Thank you for your understanding!

Help Fill Weekend Food Bags!

As we approach the Christmas season, the need to support children and families in our community is greater than ever. Our Weekend Food Bag Program continues to provide extra food for students at Redwood Valley Elementary School who may need a little help getting through the weekend.

Even a few extra items from your grocery cart can make a meaningful difference. Donations can be placed on the pew in the hallway by the kitchen.

As we celebrate a season of giving, let's remember that even a small act of kindness can make a big difference in the life of a child.

Thank you for helping us care for families in our community, one bag at a time!

Our Sunday morning service is on our local channels...

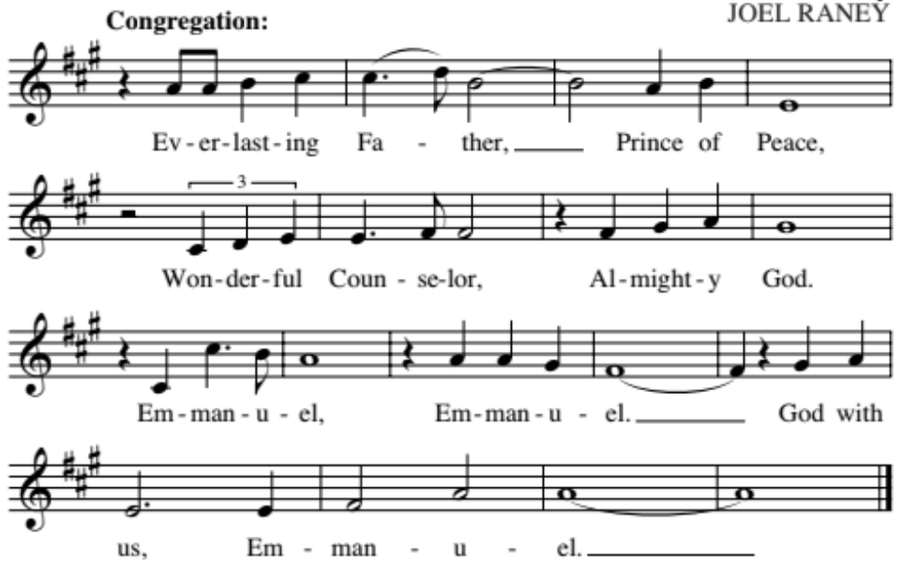
Nuvera (Channel 3), Media-Com (Channel 8): Mondays at 10 am, Wednesdays at 7 pm!

CONGREGATIONAL PART FOR CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY:

God with Us, Emmanuel

A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

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Schedule + Prayers

This Week at First Presbyterian	
Monday 11/30	3pm Bible Study
Wednesday 12/2	9am Piecemakers Quilting Group 4pm Youth Club
Sunday 12/6	9am Sunday School & Confirmation 10:15am Worship 11:15am Worship Committee 5:45p YFA Youth Group
Church of the Week: Evangelical Free Church of Redwood Falls	

Prayer Corner

For Prayers, please contact the Prayer Chain: Char Gilland @ 507- 640 - 0210

This week's Birthdays: 1st Connie Bentson & Shari Fuhr; 4th Becky Stephens; 5th Tom Stough

Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living or Other Facilities:
Kevin McKay and Lois Tiffany
All Those Fighting Cancer: *Jim Curtis, Sally Sisk - Julie Fiala's Sister, Robb Schneider, Dale Starr*
Those Requesting our Prayers: Maisey Braun (Quentin Markfort's godchild) and *Carly (daughter of Julie Reinstra)*

If you want anything added to the Prayer List, please contact the church office.

Announcements Insert: November 29, 2026

Quentin's Office Days: Mon., Weds., & Thurs. (Tuesday @ Home)
Tina's Office Hours: Tue. & Thur.: 11 am- 2 pm, Fri.: 8 am- 2pm

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New Announcements

Church of the Week: Harvest Baptist Church

Quilts, Quilts, Quilts!

The Piecemakers have quilts for sale in the Youth Chapel. For a $20 donation a quilt be donated to Share the Spirit. Proceeds are used to buy supplies such as batting, backing, etc. Please consider sharing the spirit this holiday season!

The Piecemakers also have quilts for sale for your own use or to give as gifts to family and friends. A sampling of these quilts is displayed in the narthex. If interested in other please, please talk to Joyce or Diance to see more options. There are various sizes and prices!