

# SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

December 7, 2025

10:30 am

Prelude

*Choir Introit*

## Lighting of the Advent Candle / Call to Worship:

In the time of the exile, the prophet Jeremiah said to the people:  
“The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill  
the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous branch to  
spring up from David, and he shall execute justice and  
righteousness in the land.

In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in  
safety. And this is the name by which it will be called:

"The LORD is our righteousness."

*\* Hymn "By the Babylonian Rivers" (see insert)*

## Invitation to Confession:

Let us confess our sin to God and one another.

Creator God, you gave us a home and a place among all people.  
We confess that we have locked ourselves out.  
Exiles from your presence, we live in darkness and fear.  
We have locked ourselves out of relationships,  
locked ourselves out of opportunities,  
locked ourselves out of your reign of peace.  
We have been too arrogant, too unwilling to learn,  
too unloving toward our neighbors in need.  
We are lost, alienated and alone.  
Light anew your hope among us and lead us home again,  
as if for the first time, in Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

Hear the promise from the prophet Isaiah: “The people  
who walked in darkness have seen a great light. On  
those living in the land of deep darkness, light has  
dawned.” The good news for all of us exiles: the light of  
Christ leads us home. Believe and share the good news!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**  
**In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!**

**\*Gloria Patri (#623 Hymnal)**

## Welcome and Announcements

## Invitational music for JLK (#42 Hymnal)

*Choir Anthem: "Waiting, Wandering, Wondering"*

## Presentation of Tithes and Offering

- \* Doxology #625 (Hymnal)
- \* Offertory Prayer

**Scripture:** Matthew 24:36-44

**Sermon "The Proleptic Nature of Advent:  
God's Future crashing into Our Present"**

Dr. Andrew McDonald

*\* Hymn #123 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

## Prayer Requests and Lord's Prayer

## Holy Communion

*\* Hymn #128 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*

\* Benediction

*\* Choir Benediction: #132 (chorus only)*

\* Postlude

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**Building Committee:** Roy Gustafson

**PNC:** Eilene Stephens

(Pastor Nominating Committee)

**Sunday School Teacher:** Mindy Carls

**Prayer Needs:** The family of Jack Needham, Larry Manecke (surgery), Kirk McKinzie, Shala Mannoochahr, Donna James, Pauline Shroyer, Sam Waldron.

**Interested in Membership?** If you are visiting Coal Valley Presbyterian Church today, we are glad to have you as our guest! If you are ready to take the next step in your spiritual journey by joining our church family, please see Dr. McDonald after the service or call the church office. We will let you know about our new member orientation class.



**First Sunday in Advent**

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### **THIS WEEK**

<b>Sunday (12-7)</b>	<b>Sunday School Worship</b>	<b>9:15 am 10:30 am</b>
<b>Tuesday (12-9)</b>	<b>Afternoon Circle</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday (12-10)</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
<b>Thursday (12-11)</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**Afternoon Circle:** The Afternoon Circle will meet Tuesday December 9 at the home of Jan Gustafson (11 Deer Run Rd. Orion). Jan will be our hostess and Tamara McDonald will lead the lesson. We are on Chapter 7 in the book "Experiencing God's Presence" by Sarah Young. You are welcome to join us.

**Devotionals:** Our December "Daily Bread" devotionals are here. Please help yourself at the back of the church.

**Peanut Brittle:** The price is \$16 for a 1 lb. package, and \$9 for a ½ lb. package. The next Delivery will be on Sunday December 21. There is a signup sheet at the back of the Church.

**Gift Cards:** The Christian Care men's shelter is collecting \$5-\$10 gift cards to be placed in their residents' stockings for the holidays. Please drop off or mail in. (2209 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Rock Island IL 61201) See Laura Hergert or Andy DeBaillie for more information.

**Happy Birthday:** The Deacons would like to wish a Happy Birthday to the following people this week:

**Kaitlyn Merkel  
Bill Collins  
Joyce Stephens  
Corey Lambert  
Jim Quillin Sr.**

**November 30  
December 1  
December 7  
December 12  
December 15**



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