



**November 30, 2025**

**Our Mission Statement**

We are a community of praying Christians called by God to worship Him; intentionally share Jesus' story with others; baptize those who accept Christ, enfolding them into the family of God; and joyfully disciple Christians to think Biblically about life.

**(Matthew 28:16-20)**

# Order of Worship

**Call to Worship**

**Invocation Prayer**

**Hymns of Praise:**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*Come Though Long Expected Jesus*

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**Responsive Reading**

**Hymn:** *My Heart is Filled With Thankfulness*

**Collection of our Tithes to the Lord**

**Dismissal of Children:** 3-5 yrs. old & K-2<sup>nd</sup>

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture:** Luke 1:1-25

**Sermon:** The Gospel According to Luke

**Closing Hymn:** *Angels We have Heard On High*

**Benediction**

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## **Thought for the Week**

No holiday stirs the heart of millions as does Christmas. Christmas is not celebrated for a single day but usually involves a month's season of celebration. We've all heard of the lamentations about the commercialization of Christmas and the secularization of Christmas and even those protests from within the Christian community that Christmas is a pagan holiday that should not even be acknowledged. Nevertheless the significance of this time of celebration refuses to go away. No number of Grinches are sufficient to steal it from our culture and from the church. That's because it is the day among all days when we celebrate the entrance into this world of our Redeemer. Jesus' birth is of singular importance for the whole of human history, not only for religious considerations, but it is of cosmic significance because the whole explanation of the meaning of creation is found in His Person and in His Work. Indeed as the Scriptures teach us this baby who was born, was in His pre-incarnate state, the Creator of the world. He is the One in whom, through whom and by whom all things are made. If we travel the world, particularly to the countries of the West, we see the multiple traditions that have arisen by which Christian people celebrate this moment in time.

RC Sproul

## **December Bible Memory Verse**

God saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.

2 Timothy 1:9

## **Advent Responsive Reading**

**Leader:** Let us offer our corporate prayer to God this Advent Season.

**Congregation:** Almighty God, give us grace that we may put away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light in the time of our mortal life, in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He will come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

**Leader:** The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. For to us a Child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders.

**Congregation:** And Jesus will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end.

**Leader:** The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this!

**Moment for Silent Prayer**

## Events & Announcement

- ❖ **Band of Brothers** men's group is meeting this Monday evening, 7pm here at church. All men are invited.
- ❖ **Systematic theology class** this **Wednesday** at 7 pm.
- ❖ **Community Cupboard** - A cart has been set up in the closet off our kitchen for CC donations. Needs: shampoo, toothpaste, stuffing mix, and cranberry sauce. Please donation checks to Christian Community Cupboard, PO box 511, Hurricane, WV 25526.
- ❖ Food need: If you would like to donate snacks to students at **Mountain View Elementary**, take them directly to the school and ask for them to be given to Kim Parsons, the school counselor.
- ❖ **Be praying for all Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes in route and for the children waiting to receive them.**

# **Sermon Notes**

## **Missionaries of The Month**

**Peter Green – RUF at West Virginia University**

**Joshua Campbell – RUF at Carson-Newman  
University**

# **Volunteer Schedules**

## **Children's Church**

Today: Vicki Hall, Amber Stevens  
12/7 Harry Griffin, Miriam Gillispie  
12/14 Monnie Griffin, Tami Romanko

## **Toddler Worship**

Today: Betsy Neal, Audrey Gray  
12/7 Annie Erwin, Caroline Gray  
12/14 Sue Hill, Megan Wittington

## **Greeting Team**

Today: Sparky & Harriet Adams  
12/7 Lesley Buriss  
12/14 Bill & Miriam Gillispie

## **Nursery**

Today: Abbey Stover, Seth Lyle  
12/7 Kate Erwin, Cecilia Hayes  
12/14 Amy Potter, Alley Cook

## **Church Staff & Leadership**

**Elders:** Barrett Jordan, Kurt Gray, Steve Gray, Jim Mayfield, Carlos Parra, Harry Yates

**Deacons:** Travis Ballengee, Scott Gray, Harry Griffin, Mike Hall, Tom Lyvers, Craig O'Dell, Tom Ogle, Josh Potter, Bill Stevens (emeritus)

**Administrative Assistant:** Heather Hall

**Youth:** Caleb Carter

**Praise Team:** Bret Johnston

## **Church Information**

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## **YTD Financial Summary**

2025 Total Budget	\$458,321,.00
2025 Tithes Collected to Date	\$722,784.32
2025 Faith Promise Budget	\$63,000.00
2025 Faith Promise Pledged	N/A
2025 Faith Promise Collected	\$61,677.00
Building Campaign Pledged	\$854,037.00
Building Campaign Collected	\$694,468.96