

**Deacons:** Josh Goodbrake (Offering and Service), Josiah Holl (Mercy), Micah Holl (Facilities), Doug Sykes (Chair)

**WIC:** Kacia Hughett (President), Lisa Hajda/Julie LeFeber (Christian Growth), Karen Salyer (Kitchen), Kristin Holl (Women's Events), Megan Holl (Servant Support), Carol Holl (Church Fellowship), Sarah Salyer (Nursery)

## WORSHIP SPOTLIGHT

### What is Advent?

The season of Advent includes the four Sundays prior to Christmas Day and ends on Christmas Eve. Advent also marks the beginning of the traditional church year. The color purple has usually been associated with Advent—a sign of Christ's royalty.

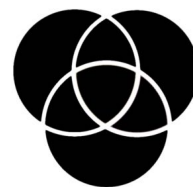
The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *adventus*, which means "coming into." Advent is a celebration of Christ's coming. While many think Advent is simply a countdown to Christmas, traditionally it is much more than that. During Advent we celebrate at least three ways Christ comes to us.

Christ's First Advent was, indeed, his coming to earth in the flesh as He was born of the Virgin Mary. Jesus was the long-expected Messiah promised to Israel. That's why many of the traditional scripture readings and songs for Advent borrow from the Old Testament prophets.

Secondly, Christ comes to us right now through the ministry of His Spirit in his Word, his Sacraments, and the fellowship of believers (Matt. 18:20; 28:20). Advent is a time for cherishing these gifts.

The third coming of Christ that we celebrate is his future coming, his Second Advent. Jesus told us that he would come again and take us to himself, that we might be with him forever (John 14:3). The traditional Gospel readings for Advent focus on Christ's Second Coming and this sets the primary tone for the season.

Advent is a celebration of all the ways Christ has come, does come, and will come to us again. It is therefore a season of repentance, prayer, preparation, and eager expectation in which our hearts learn to cry: "Come, Lord Jesus!" (Rev. 22:20).



**TRINITY**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**December 21, 2025**

*The Fourth Sunday in Advent*

Prelude

Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Psalm 89:1-5

### GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 148:1-6

†Congregational Singing

#138 "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

†Responsive Scriptures

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Behold, the Lord comes to save us.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

†Collect

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

†Congregational Singing

#136 "The First Noel"

### GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

1 John 1:8-9

*Silent Confession*

Corporate Confession

**Merciful God, we confess we have not prepared the way for your Son's Advent. We ignore what you have done, neglect what you are doing, and forget what you will do. Make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await our coming King; that when He shall appear, He may not find us sleeping in sin but active in His service and joyful in His praise; we ask this through Him whose**

coming is certain, whose day draws near, your Son, our Lord  
Jesus Christ. Amen!

†Assurance of Forgiveness

†Congregational Singing #132 “Angels We Have Heard On High”

## GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading Malachi 3:1-4

Epistle Reading 2 Peter 1:19-21

†Gospel Reading Luke 1:57-80

†Profession of Faith The Philippian Hymn

Sermon Pastor David Salyer

“You Will Go Before the Lord to Prepare His Ways”

Sermon Series: The Gospel According to Luke

Offertory

†Doxology #625 (*a cappella*)

†Prayer of the Church

...let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

...through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns  
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

†The Lord’s Prayer

Taught by Our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

**Our Father who art in Heaven...**

## GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

*All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share the Lord’s Supper.  
Baptized children are welcomed to the Supper once they have been admitted by the Elders.*

*If you do not trust in Jesus, please allow the bread and cup to pass you by. If you desire  
to follow Jesus and share in His Feast, please speak with one of our pastors after the service.*

*The outer ring contains wine. All other cups contain grape juice. Take your portion, pass  
the rest to your neighbor, then eat and drink as soon as you desire.*

*During the passing of the cup, we encourage you to offer words of blessing to your  
neighbors such as: “May the Peace of Christ be with you” (Jn. 14:27), and the response:  
“And also with you.”*

Declaration of God’s Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

†Congregational Singing #145 “O Come All Ye Faithful”

## GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response #628 IV “Threefold Amen”

Postlude

**Worship Leader:** Pastor David Salyer

**Nursery Volunteers:** Anne & Mia Lano

## CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, December 21 - *The Fourth Sunday in Advent*

10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service

Monday, December 22

5:45 p.m. . . . Caroling

Wednesday, December 24

7:00 p.m. . . . Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 28 - *The First Sunday after Christmas*

10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service

♦ **Christmas Caroling** | We are planning to go Christmas Caroling on Monday evening, Dec 22nd. We will meet at the church at 5:45 pm and head over to Kinship Point to start singing at 6:00 pm, and then, after a few carols, we will head over to Wel-life to sing there starting at 6:30 pm. When we are done there, we’ll head back to the church for cookies and hot chocolate! Come and join us!

♦ **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** | We will gather for the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

♦ **Sunday School Break** | There will be no Sunday School from December 21 to January 11. Classes will resume January 18, 2026.

♦ **Financial Report:** Budgeted need each week: \$4,392.91. Budgeted need year-to-date: \$215,252.59. Received 12/14: \$2,654.04. Received year-to-date: \$194,084.72.

♦ **December Birthdays:** (9) Lana Dunn, (13) Steven Lano 2015, (14) Don Bates, (25) Doug Sykes, (29) Sarah Salyer, Janet Irlmeier

♦ **January Birthdays:** (6) Rachel Goodbrake, Mary Wolf, (10) Charles Holl 2024, (19) Julie LeFeber

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

♦ That God would open doors for ministry to UNK students.

♦ **Presbytery:** Reformed University Fellowship UNL - Campus Pastor Josh Kruntorad.

♦ **Missions:** Chuck and Nancy Larsen - Water4Haiti

♦ For our mothers with newly born children: Megan Holl (Moses James born 8/5), Bethany Remm (Brooklyn Grace born 7/28). And our expecting mother, Kristin Holl.

## STAFF

**Pastor:** David Salyer | **Youth:** Eric Wood | **Music:** Jason Robertson

**Church Admin:** Sarah Salyer | **Custodian:** Charlotte Hajda

**Elders:** Michael Freitag, David Holl, Tory Hooton, Jordan Hughett, David Lano