



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Where People and Community Matter”
A Matthew 25 Congregation



Sunday, December 7, 2025 Second Sunday of Advent Eleven o’ clock

Prelude “So My Sheep May Safely Graze” **Bach**

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Introit

***Call to Worship**

Leader: A tree stump left to rot puts forth new shoots.
People: **Could it be that heaven is near at hand?**
Leader: A wolf sinks toward sheep and joins their fold.
People: **Could it be that heaven is near at hand?**
Leader: A child plays while serpents slumber.
People: **Could it be that heaven is near at hand?**
Leader: A prophet cries out from the wild places.
People: **Prepare the way! For heaven is near at hand. Amen.**

***Prayer of the Day**

God of the barren places, whose Spirit rouses stagnant hearts to life, come baptize us in fire that clears away the debris of despair and apathy. Set our spirits ablaze with impossible dreams of oppressors giving up their power for peace and children at play where war once reigned, that, in dreaming, we might come to believe a better world is possible and begin to ready the way for your incoming kingdom. Amen.

***Hymn** “Prepare the Way” #13

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Misejka Family

One: Clear a path!
People: **Make a way!**
One: For the Lord is coming!
People: **The Prince of Peace!**
One: The Servant whose gift is Shalom!
People: **How we need His peace within ourselves and throughout our world.**
One: Jesus said, “I am the light of the world, he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Dedication of Tithes and Gifts to the Lord

Offertory “Coventry Carol” **English Carol**

***Doxology** “Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow” #592
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn** “Comfort, Comfort, You My People” #13

***Blessing**

***Choral Response**

***Sending**

Leader: Go in peace, Serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude “The Heavens are Telling” **Beethoven**

**Please stand if you are able to do so comfortably.*

First UP Church of Tarentum

Christmas Dinner ~ TODAY at 5pm

We'll have a prepared meal, a time of fellowship together, carol-singing and more! Meet us in the Fellowship Hall!



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT OFFICERS | DECEMBER 7TH AT 5PM

A Called Congregational Meeting to elect a Deacon for the Class of 2028 and a Nominating Committee Member for the Class of 2027 will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 7th, 2025 at 5pm. Persons proposed to serve are:

Nominating Committee, Class of 2027 | Board of Deacons, Class of 2028

Betty Scimeca

Roxanne Schaaf

Chancel Flowers

*The chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my sister,
Billie Cunningham, with love from Doris Cunningham.*

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