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10:45AM Rev. Jason Elliott November 30, 2025

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1st SUNDAYADVENT READING/CANDLE LIGHTING

**Corrigan Family** 

**HYMN** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** Loving God, we humbly ask for your forgiveness. Open our eyes and soften our hearts that we may faithfully serve you as we should. Fill us with the gift of love that we may love others.

## MOMENT FOR SILENT MEDITATION

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** Friends, believe the Good News **RESPONSE:** in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

# **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Traditional) I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

### **SCRIPTURE** Matt 24:36-44

<sup>36</sup> "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man.

<sup>40</sup> Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. <sup>42</sup> Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

**SERMON** "Are You Ready?"

Rev. Elliott

SPECIAL MUSIC Erik Lucas

\*BENEDICTION/DISMISSAL

Love God. Love Others.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<u>Chancel Flowers Today</u> Our vases this morning are in loving memory of Loved Ones by Ruth Stevens and in loving memory of The Chivers, Fristick & Corrigan Families by John & Sandy Corrigan.

Mission Cans- This week our mission cans will go to Presbyterian Women/Helen Martin Bible Study. On 11/2 Pastor's Discretionary received \$360, 11/9 Thank Offering received \$336 & 11/16 Church Youth Groups \$215.

<u>Poinsettias</u> If you would like to order a plant in honor or memory of a loved one, please complete the form in the bulletin. The poinsettias will be displayed at the Christmas Eve worship service, and you'll be able to take your poinsettia home with you after the service. The cost of each plant is \$10. Order forms need to be turned to the offering plate or sent to the office by <u>TODAY Dec. 7</u>, 2025.

<u>Children's Cantata & Christmas Party for All</u> Next Sunday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> the youth will present the Cantata during worship service. After service, we'll all go downstairs for the party. Please bring cookies or a dessert to share.

**Session** will meet here Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

<u>Paint & Pray at Smithfield Presbyterian</u> Saturday, Dec. 13 from 2:00 – 4:00. Sara Cunningham will be the instructor. All materials provided at no cost.

<u>Concert at Smithfield Presbyterian</u> Join us Sunday, Dec. 14 at 6:00 pm for a free Ron Retzer Trio Concert. A love offering will be received.

Ohio Valley Corale Concert will present their 2025 Christmas Concert here Sun., Dec. 14 at 3:00 pm under the direction of Erik Lucas. The public is invited.

<u>Steubenville Performing Arts Collective</u> will present Handel's Messiah Saturday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. The public is invited.

Candlelight Christmas Service will begin at 4:00 pm. on Wed., Dec. 24, 2025.

**East Garfield Elementary School's** fundraiser to benefit the students goes until Dec.3. We're selling cookies & baked goods online, delivered in time for Christmas. Please use the following link: Store.myfundraisingplace.com. See Cherie Ramsey for any questions. Thank you!

<u>Birthdays & Anniversaries this week -</u> *Birthdays:* Kathie Burns (12/3), Rick Patterson (12/03), Dora Foley (12/5), Gina Reitter (12/6), Rich Semko (12/6) and Jake Taylor (12/6).