

Clinton Presbyterian Church



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*The mission of the Clinton Presbyterian Church
is to reflect the love of Jesus Christ in our church, community and the world.*

*We do this by welcoming ALL
who want to worship and learn about the love of God.*

*We welcome people of all ages, sizes, races,
orientations, gender identities, ethnicities and financial statuses.*

*Come, let's journey together as we live out our mission
to reflect, grow and serve!*

December 7, 2025 – 11:00 am

Second Sunday of Advent ☪ Order of Worship

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

PART I: THE PREPARATION OF THE PEOPLE

Welcome

Amanda Nevius

Prelude

Jenn Bastien

Opening Prayer

Worship Leader

One: Let us pray.

Family of faith, God is at work!

All: God is healing and creating,

One: redeeming and dreaming,

All: calling and sending,

One: listening and loving.

All: Yes, indeed, God is at work!

One: So let us worship our God who never gives up.

All: Let us worship our God who holds onto hope. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

Worship Leader

Gathering in Praise #154 v.2 “When God is a Child”

Call to Confession

Worship Leader

Prayer of Confession

Worship Leader

All: On-the-move God, we have every reason to hold onto hope.

We have every reason to believe that spring will come,

that flowers will bloom, that the sun will rise.

And yet, too often hope slips through our fingers.

With anxious hearts we cry out to you,

“Will change ever come? Will things ever get better?

Will I ever make a difference?”

Soothe our wandering hearts and show us the places where the sun is shining.

Show us the places where you are on the move.

With open hearts we pray, amen.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Lighting Advent Candle

Candle Lighters

One: In a world full of fear, where do you see glimmers of peace?

All: We see glimmers of peace in the quiet of early morning, when people shake hands, when loved ones say they’re sorry, and when the church sings together.

One: You are right. Even in a fearful world, peace is all around us. Today we light the candle of peace as a reminder of this good news. May this flicker of light help us remember that even in a fearful world, peace is present. We only have to look for it.

[Light two purple Advent candles.]

One: Thanks be to God!

All: Amen.

Hymn #500 “Precious Lord, Take my Hand” Jenn Bastien

Sunday school teachers and students are invited to go to Sunday school during the hymn.

PART II: THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 43:14a, 19-21 Worship Leader

Hymn #157 “Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

Second Reading: Matthew 11:1-11 Pastor Andy

Sermon Pastor Andy

PART III: THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn #851 “Come, Bring Your Burdens to God”

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord’s Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise....

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion Hymn #350 “The Summons” Jenn B

Prayer after Communion

Prayers of the People Pastor Andy

God of Mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Start with gratitude!

Moment for Missions Louann Joyce

Call for the Offering

Adult Choir “Show Up” by Britt Kusserow

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication Worship Leader

Announcements Pastor Andy

- Leave a note for Gary if needed - notepad on the office door!!
- *Prayer Shawl* group We are looking for volunteers to knit or crochet small pieces which will be sewn together. Should you have any questions, contact Tanya.
- Upcoming:
 - Sign up for Poinsettias at the back table. Cost is \$12 each.
 - Dec 8 - LGBTQ+ Monthly Bible Study through Presbytery - 7:30-8:30. Reach out to Jenn for the Zoom link or see your email!
 - Dec 14 - Joint Session/Deacon Meeting following church

*** Congregational Songs**

Closing Prayer & Benediction Pastor Andy

In a fearful world, may you look for God’s Spirit. May you reach for each other’s hands. May you choose courage whenever you can. And in all things, may you remember that good news is louder than fear. In the name of the one who calls, the one who sends, and the one who journeys with— go in peace and be not afraid. Amen.

Postlude Jenn Bastien