

YOUNG CHILDREN

The nursery is open at 9 a.m. until the end of worship and is available anytime. Toddlers, or those in Preschool, Kindergarten, and grades 1-5 begin in worship with their families, then may leave for their classes after Sacred Space.

Nursery Attendant: Erin Jester Toddler/Preschool: Hannah Braun

IPC CALENDAR

Sunday, December 21 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 10:00 a.m. Worship in-person and online
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour, FH
- 11:15 a.m. Finding Hope: Art in Advent Class, Parlor
- 12:30 p.m. El Trono Sunday School, FH
- 2:00 p.m. El Trono Worship, FH
- 2:00 p.m. El Trono, Nursery
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group, 3rd flr.
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. Luminaria, Sanc.
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. IPC and IAC Choirs Caroling around Irvington

Monday, December 22

- 8:00 p.m. AA Group, FH

Tuesday, December 23

- 6:30 p.m. IAC Choir Practice, Choir Rm. **NOT MEETING**
- 7:00 p.m. El Trono Women’s Group, Rm. 25

Wednesday, December 24 - Office Open 9-12 p.m.

- 6-7 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service, Sanctuary
- 6:00-9:00 p.m. El Trono Children, 2nd and 3rd flr.
- 6:00-9:00 p.m. El Trono Worship/Bible Study, FH
- 11-12 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Serv. Sanctuary

Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Office Closed

- 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice, Choir Rm. **NOT MEETING**
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary **NOT MEETING**

Friday, December 26 - Office Closed

- 10:00 a.m. Bridge Club, Fellowship Hall **CANCELLED**
- 6:00 p.m. El Trono Band Practice, FH
- 6:00-9:00 p.m. El Trono Hebreo Dance Class, Rambler Room

Saturday, December 27

- 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Seeds of the Blessing El Trono, FH
- 6-8 p.m. El Trono Youth Group, FH

Sunday, December 28 | 1st Sunday of Christmas

- 10:00 a.m. Worship in-person and online
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour, FH
- 12:30 p.m. El Trono Sunday School, FH
- 2:00 p.m. El Trono Worship, FH
- 2:00 p.m. El Trono, Nursery
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group, 3rd flr.



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Liturgist	Jenny Sonafrank
Beadle	Erika Hinshaw
Ushers: West Door	Nancy Farmer
Center Aisle	Ada Parkinson
Greeter	Briana Wooden
Balcony	Tom Harton
East Door	Kevin Moorhead
Head Usher	Kathy Moorhead
Fellowship Hour	Deacons
Flower Delivery	Linda Medlock and Frank Hurdis
Bus Driver	<i>The bus is not running</i>
Parking Lot Security	Red Anderson

STAFF

Pastor & Head of Staff	The Rev. Dr. Jonathan H. Reinink
Pastor Emeritus	The Rev. Robert A. Heimach
Parish Associate	The Rev. Elizabeth Kaznak-Hall
Parish Associate	The Rev. Robert B. McAulay, Jr.
Administrator	Lori Chapman
Director of Youth & Children's Faith Formation	Joshua Barrett
Director of Music	Dr. Webb Parker
Director of Communications & Community Engagement	Craig Shaw
Organist	DJ Smith
Senior Ministry Consultant	Denise Harrington
Sexton (Custodian)	Joe Dial
Youth Group Director	Mandy Holzhausen
Nursery Attendant	Erin Jester
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Director of Roots & Wings Child Care	Ariel Lewis
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December 21, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Advent
10:00 AM

“Called to be an inclusive church that lives by faith, is known by God's love, and gives hope a voice in our neighborhood and world.”

ORDER FOR SERVICE OF WORSHIP

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Help us stay connected and know you worshiped with us!
Please sign the **red Ritual of Friendship pad** in your pew near the center aisle.


*Please stand in body or in spirit.

GATHERING

GREETING

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Reinink

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Tie One On:  CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

PRELUDE

CANDLE LIGHTING

The Eastminster Ladies of IPC

CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader, People)

Elder Jenny Sonafrank

Here in worship—we pray together and we stand together,
we sing together and we listen together.
Here in worship—
we are not alone.
So when life gives you reason to grieve, to fear, or to worry,
remember this moment: We are not alone.
Let us worship our with-us God.

*HYMN # 105 v. 1-4

People Look East

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jenny Sonafrank

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Courageous God, you invite us to live into our call. You invite us to act, to serve, and to trust. Instead of responding with a resounding “yes,” we often dig in our heels. We hide our face. We look for someone else to volunteer. Spark courage in us. Remind us that every person is capable of making a difference. Remind us that even when we're scared, we are not alone. You invite us forward. With baby steps, we hope, we pray. (*Silent prayer*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE #581 *Glory Be To The Father* GREATOREX

*PASSING THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**
(*As the children come forward, welcome those near you with words of peace.*)

SACRED SPACE
(*For Sunday School, Toddlers, Preschool, and Kindergarten may go to the second floor, and the children in grades 1-5 may go to the third floor.*)

STORIES IN OUR SANCTUARY ~ Lighting the candles this morning are the Eastminster Ladies of IPC--these are some of the members of our congregation who were part of the former Eastminster Presbyterian Church on E 10th Street. EPC merged with IPC this week **30 years ago**. Members and symbols of EPC are very much part of our church's fabric, too, including communionware, art (the background is made up of the stained glass windows from their building), and the Advent Candle wreath, which was given to EPC and inherited by IPC in memory of Steven Dial, given by his children (including Joe, who became our church custodian and a Trustee).

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE

Mathew 1:18-25
Isaiah 52:5-10

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Give Me Your Hand

Rev. Dr. Reinink

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

ARR. TEICHLER

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *The Apostles' Creed*)

Christians, in whom do you believe?
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 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.

*HYMN # 815

Give To The Winds Thy Fears

FESTAL SONG

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE *Steve & Mandy Holzhausen and Dr. Webb Parker* Dr. Reinink

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER Jenny Sonafrank

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.

CALL TO OFFERING Jenny Sonafrank

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY (#606)

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

SENT OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #133 v. 1, 2

O Come All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

*BENEDICTION

Dr. Reinink

POSTLUDE


ON THE COVER: *I Am With You*, by the Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman
“Here we find the Israelites far from home, living in Babylonian exile. Fear and uncertainty hang heavy with the looming threat of Persian invasion.... In this image, a counter-vision of hope emerged. Coastal Mediterranean plants—bougainvillea for peace, lantana for liveliness, and red valerian for strength—anchor the shifting sand. God’s hands cradle the community like a fragile flame as their light resiliently radiates. The twelve figures... represent the exiled Judeans in Isaiah... crushed by *empire*—each cherished by a faithful God.”


CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Welcome to Irvington Presbyterian Church. We hope you are able to connect to God and God’s family in our worship and fellowship.

If you are new to IPC, please tell a pastor or an usher after worship so we can connect with you and share more about our community of faith. And **join us for a time of Fellowship** after worship in the room directly below the Sanctuary. Welcome! We're excited to have you with us!

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY the cabinet with a **RED CROSS** in the rear of the Sanctuary contains supplies including: Naloxone (*NARCAN*®), a First Aid Kit, and an AED Defibrillator.






IF YOU RECEIVE ANY EMAILS OR TEXT MESSAGES from the church staff asking for gift cards, cash, or anything out of the ordinary, *please* contact the church office before you reply to such requests.


WORSHIP ATTENDANCE on Sunday, December 14 was 55 in-person and 30 online.

THE FLOWERS this morning are offered to the glory of God in memory of John David Long, given by Grace Long.

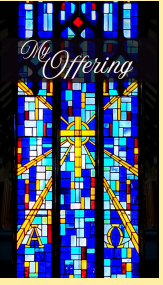


THIS WEEK IN PRAYER WE WILL REMEMBER...
Debbie Acasio, Gwen Mann, Dee Miller, Mickey Monan, Rod Oller, Avery Paauwe, Diane Pflanze, Nancy Pierce, Phil Reed, Larimore Wickett, Melissa Melvin-Wicksall, Angela Valadez, Joan and Otto Woerdehoff.


GRATITUDE: Today we will celebrate the years of ministry and service of Mandy & Steve Holzhausen, who are preparing to step back from leading our youth group, and Dr. Webb Parker, who will be shifting to focus on his work with the IAC. We are grateful for their energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, and pray for them as they find new ways of engaging God's call in our community!



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Follow the links on our website – irvpresby.org – or scan this QR code with the camera on your mobile device to make a gift.




Not everything fits in the Offering Plate!
Use the *My Offering* cards in the pew rack to acknowledge your participation in dedicating gifts of talent, time or treasure.




CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE


Learn more about the Christmas Joy Offering at pcusa.org/christmas-joy




3rd Sunday
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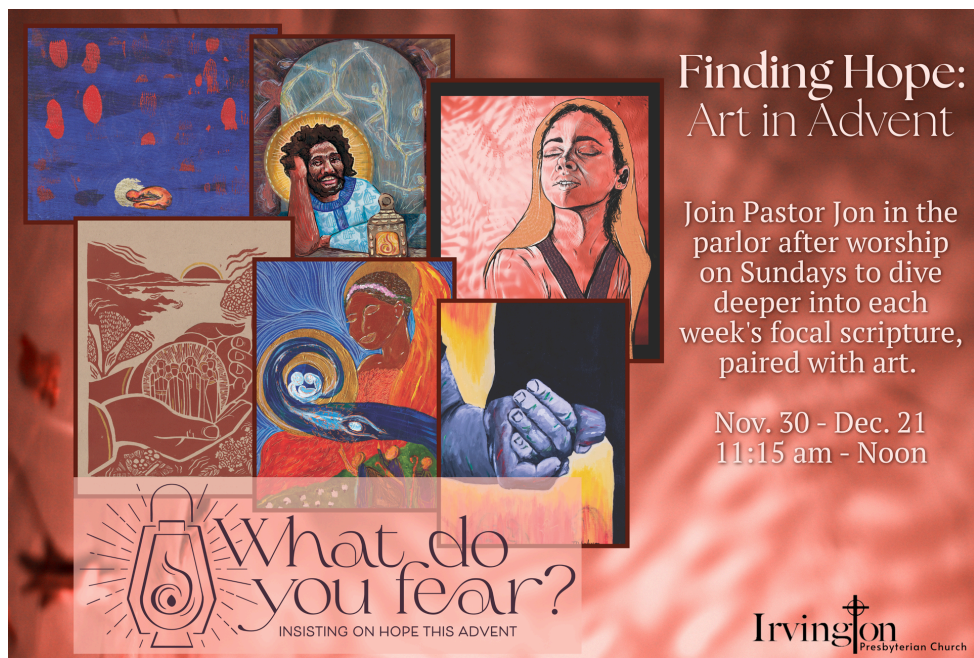


What do you fear?
IN THE TIME OF HEROD, WE
LONG FOR GOD TO BREAK IN

The art and liturgy used this season are used with permission and are by or based on work from  © 2025

December 2025 and January 2026
Office Hours information
The office is closed on the following days in December and January.
December 24--Christmas Eve
½ day office is open 9-noon
December 25--Christmas Day
Office closed
December 26--Day after Christmas
Office closed
December 31--New Year's Eve
½ day office is open 9-noon
January 1, 2026--New Year's
Office Closed
January 19, 2026--Martin Luther King Day
Office closed





HOW CAN OUR CHURCH BE LIKE HOME??

Our Church feels like home through deep fellowship, Christ-Centered teaching, meaningful worship and active care. We **CREATE** a **FAMILY** where members support each other through life's joys and sorrows with tangible help and spiritual connection, fostering belonging, identity, and a sense of being truly known and valued.

The H & E committee would like to know how we can Create Church Family activities that help the congregation continue to feel like HOME! If you would like to share any of your ideas let us know at Coxjackie3@gmail.com and/or pbrozan@outlook.com

THANK YOU!

Hospitality & Evangelism Committee

HOMELESS

Cold weather poses life threatening risks to homeless individuals, primarily due to a lack of adequate shelter, and warm clothing, leading to increased rates of hypothermia, frostbite, and other exposure-related conditions.

Horizon House needs coats, hats, gloves and other warm clothing items. If you have any of these items to donate, please label with Horizon House and put them in the bin next to the parlor.

Jackie Cox/ Coxjackie3@gmail.com/ 317 - 726 - 9142.

The IPC Book Club will be meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of these months in 2026:

- January 14
- March 11
- May 13
- July 8
- September 9
- November 11

Our next book selection is historical fiction for the holiday season. Pick up a copy, download to an e-reader or listen to Mr. Dickens and His Carol by Samantha Silva. Described as “A beloved, irresistible novel that reimagines the story behind Charles Dickens’ Christmas classic.”



SETUP HELP FOR LUMINARIA

If you would like to help prepare the Sanctuary for the luminaria this evening, please stay a few minutes after worship. Many hands make light work!

CAKE AND CONVERSATION

Presbyterian churches generally embrace birthday celebrations as expressions of God's blessings, often marking them with fellowship and gratitude. We will celebrate January birthdays during fellowship hour on Sunday, January 4th, 2026. Please come and celebrate with others and have good conversations.

See you then!
H & E Committee



THANK YOU!

In addition to the generous donations noted above, the Mission Committee delivered many Mittens, Gloves, Hats, and Scarves to Westminster Neighborhood Services for anyone who needs those items. IPC's caring generosity helps many. ❤️

The Mission Committee

Spirit Devotionals and Yogurt Bar

Time out for the Spirit devotionals and the yogurt bar will NOT meet in the winter months. We will start meeting again in March.

BIRTHDAY DECORATIONS NEEDED

Hospitality and Evangelism are needing table cloth and birthday decorations to use during our 1st Sunday of the month birthday 🎂 Fellowship celebrations. If you would like to donate items to be used for our church birthday celebrations please let H & E know at Coxjackie3@gmail.com and/or pbrozan@outlook.com

Irvington Neighborhood Luminaria

Sunday, December 21st
6:00 - 8:00 PM

Find a few moments
of peace this holiday
season.

We invite you to join us
at Irvington Presbyterian
Church on the evening
of December 21st as the
neighborhood celebrates the
annual Luminaria.

Our sanctuary will be open
from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, offering
a peaceful and warm place
for all. You are welcome to
pause, reflect, or simply warm
up while enjoying gentle
music, a warm beverage, and
holiday refreshments.

Please come and share the
warmth and light of the
season with our community.



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Community Events at ICAN Congregations Blue Christmas / Longest Night Services:

12/21: 7 p.m. at Gethsemane Lutheran Church

12/22: 6:30 p.m. at Downey Ave Christian Church

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People, Look East

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more
 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the
 4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more
 5 An - gels, an-nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who

crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
 seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are
 light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley

Peo-ple, look

a - ble; trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
 nour - ish, that in course the flower may flour - ish.
 fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen.
 weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
 hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing.

This text was written to provide a new Advent text for an existing carol tune, here named for the city in eastern France where it originated. The author has imaginatively expressed the cosmic implications of Christ's coming by addressing each stanza to a part of creation.

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

east and sing to - day:



Peo - ple, look east:

Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Love, the Bird, is on the way.

Love, the Star, is on the way.

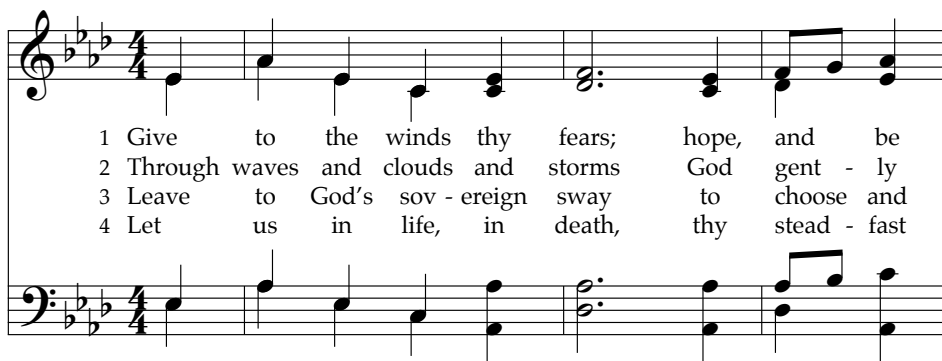
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Peo - ple, look east:

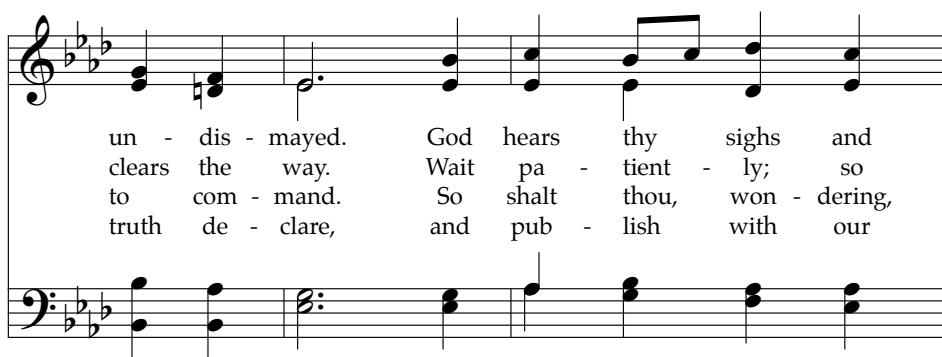
(Love is on the way.)



815 Give to the Winds Thy Fears



1 Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be
 2 Through waves and clouds and storms God gent - ly
 3 Leave to God's sov - ereign sway to choose and
 4 Let us in life, in death, thy stead - fast



un - dis - mayed. God hears thy sighs and
 clears the way. Wait pa - tient - ly; so
 to com - mand. So shalt thou, won - dering,
 truth de - declare, and pub - lish with our



counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.
 shall this night soon end in joy - ous day.
 own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!
 fi - nal breath thy love and guard - ian care.

This text uses selected stanzas from sixteen four-line English stanzas based on the original German text, which was twice as long. The German hymn was constructed as an acrostic on Martin Luther's translation of Psalm 37:5, and much of the spirit of that psalm is retained here.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -

ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,
 of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -
 all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all
 sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

Refrain

born the King of an - gels!
 got - ten, not cre - at - ed! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let
 glo - ry in the high - est!
 now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

From its Roman Catholic origins, this 18th-century hymn has spread to worldwide use by many denominations in both Latin and vernacular versions. Once popular with a wide range of hymn texts, this tune is now firmly associated with this Christmas text from which it is named.