



Welcome to the
**North Benton Presbyterian
Church**

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December 7, 2025

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***“Since 1818, A church where everyone is someone
and Jesus Christ is Lord!”***

North Benton Presbyterian Church

December 7, 2025 Second Sunday of Advent

“A voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight paths for Him.’” -Matthew 3: 3b

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND CANDLE OF ADVENT

(Chuck & Jamie Pierce and Grandchildren)

CHURCH LIFE

GREETINGS AND WELCOME

CALL TO JOIN IN WORSHIP (based on Isaiah 11: 1-10)

Pastor: A shoot shall come forth from Jesse’s stump,
People: **And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him.**
Pastor: He will judge the poor with righteousness, and the meek with equity;
People: **He will be clothed with righteousness and faithfulness.**
Pastor: The wolf and the lamb will live peacefully together,
People: **The leopard and the kid will lie down side by side.**
Pastor: And a little Child will lead them all.
All: **Let us join in the worship of the Child Who is our Savior!**

INVOCATION

+PRAISE SONGS “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
 “Fairest Lord Jesus”
 “He Is Our Peace”



In Our Prayers



“Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.” Jeremiah 29: 12



Sermon Notes

This Week

Sun 12/7 **COFFEE & PASTRY
BIRTHDAY SUNDAY**

9:30 Worship
(Youth Sunday
School after
children's message)
Searchers Class

Thur 12/11 7:30 p.m Combined
Session, Deacon and
Trustee Meeting at
church fellowship hall

Sun 12/14 9:30 Worship
(Youth Sunday
School after children's
message)
Searchers Class

Caring, Sharing, Praying

Nursing Home:

Dan Rowe
Essex #1, Salem, OH 44460
(Rm.#201)

Continued Prayer for:

Denton & Marilyn Herron,
James Hilles, Stan & Sandy
Jozwiakowski, Val Winters
& Emily Winters, Paul &
Maeo Bates, Carol Schiffler,
Chris & Alicia Gamble

**(contact the office to add
or remove a name)**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (Sunday School to Follow)

"Baking Cookies"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor: We hear the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord and make God's paths straight." Let us prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ as we confess our sin in silence:

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Hear the good news: God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Before we repent and change our ways, God's love has already claimed us as God's own. Proclaim with me the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God

+GLORIA PATRI

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, TITHES, & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SCRIPTURE

Pastor: Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."-Second Corinthians 9: 7

+DOXOLOGY

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER



Brunch With Santa

December 21 after church service



Candlelight Service

December 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Deacon Greeters -----	Cindy Ruffier
-----	Jodi Weibush
Keyboard-----	Marilyn Smith
Praise Songs-----	Sylvia Hammond
Sound System -----	Jason Eshelman
Acolyte -----	Thea Fielder

+Hymn #193

“O Come All Yee Faithful”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

(Sing third verse of Hymn # 169) O Come, O Come,
Emmanuel)

All: “O come, thou Wisdom from on high, Who order
all things far and nigh, To us the path of knowledge show,
and cause us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

SCRIPTURE “Matthew 3: 1-12”

SERMON “Where Is Jesus When the Waiting Hurts?”

+HYMN #185 (Verses 1-2)

“Away In A Manger”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #185 (verse 3)

“Away In A Manger”

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK’S SERMON:

“Where is Jesus When the Need Is Deep and Great” based on
Matthew 11: 2-11.

+ Indicates congregation is invited to stand



PRAISE SONGS



“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

(Chorus)

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and deaths dark shadows put to flight.

(Chorus)

O come desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind.
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, and be Thyself our King of peace.

(Chorus)

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son:
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou my soul’s glory, joy, and crown.
Fairest the sunshine, Fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.
Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forever more be Thine!

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