

The Chimes

December 2025

ORDINARY PEOPLE — EXTRAORDINARY GOD

WORSHIP



A Word From Pastor Jim...

"Advent: Hymns of His Coming" gathers the timeless songs of a waiting Church—melodies of hope, longing, and quiet joy. These hymns draw us into the mystery of Christ's promised arrival, reminding us that Advent is not only a season of looking back to Bethlehem, but also of looking forward to His glorious return. With poetry that aches for restoration and music that stirs anticipation, these beautiful hymns invite believers to watch, to worship, and to prepare their hearts for the coming of the King, not just in the future, but in the midst of life today.

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INFORMATION

An Advent Prayer

O Come, Emmanuel
Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.
We who have so much to do, seek quiet spaces to hear
your voice each day.
We who are anxious over many things look forward
to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy
of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people,
walking in darkness,
yet seeking the light.
To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

~ Henri Nouwen

A Note From The Trustees

Please remember to turn off the hallway lights on the third floor (balcony, choir room) when you are done up there. We do not have those on motion sensors like the other floors in the church. Thank you!

Office Closed

The office will be closed on December 25th and 26th for Christmas Break!

Warm Hearts For Worship Campaign: Thank You!

On behalf of the entire Warm Hearts for Worship Capital Campaign Team, I want to say, "thank you!" to everyone who has given and/or made a future pledge to the campaign. Your faithful response, amazing generosity, and love for Perrysburg First Church is overwhelmingly evident. We now have a fully operational boiler. Also, we have received, in hand, a little over \$134,000 with an additional \$20,000+ still pledged for 2026. God truly is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine when we give ourselves to faithfully following him! It is a joy and privilege to be able to serve among such gracious and giving people!



~ Pastor Jim & the Warm Hearts for Worship Campaign Team

December Prayer Calendar

 December 2025 PRAYER FOCUS						
1 Perseverance James 1:3	2 Relax John 14:27	3 Servanthood John 13:14	4 Encouragement 1 Thessalonians 5:11	5 Peace John 20:19	6 Humble Beginnings Luke: 6-7	7 Praise Isaiah 61:1,3
8 Message Romans 10:17	9 Trust Matthew 14:29-30	10 Belief Mark 9:24	11 Purify James 4:8	12 Comfort John 14:18	13 Humility Matthew 18:4	14 Fearlessness Luke 2:10
15 Listen Judges 6:12	16 Honor Psalms 34:9	17 Prepare John 14:2	18 Ask Philippians 4:6	19 Firmness Matthew 16:18	20 Gift Luke 2:17-19	21 Forsaken Psalms 42:9
22 Declaration Psalms 71:8	23 Light John 8:12	24 Glory Luke 2:14	25 Joy Luke 2:11	26 God's Will 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18	27 Praise Psalms 150:6	28 Sowing Seeds Matthew 13:23
29 Promise Psalms 139:9-10	30 Solid Matthew 7:25	31 Help 1 John 3:17				

EVENTS

December 6

Breakfast with Santa

(8:30-10:30 am)

December 8

Prime Timers Christmas Party

(12 pm)

December 10

Blue Christmas @ Grace Church

(Pastor Jim- Guest Speaker, 6:30 pm)

December 14

Christmas Pageant

(during service)

December 17

Team Kid & Youth Christmas Party

(6 PM)

December 24

Christmas Eve Services

(4:00 pm, Family Service)

(7:30 pm, Traditional)

Prime Timers: "Christmas Party!"

Prime Timers will meet Monday, December 8th for the 2025 version of the annual Christmas party. The main question is: "What kind of shenanigans will happen this year"? It's always interesting, especially the gift exchange!!

The activities will include lunch, reindeer games, gifts galore, and an assortment of cookies to take home. Of course, all that happens while having tons of frivolous fun with friends.

This is an event you don't want to miss! Mark your calendars now so you don't forget. Monday, December 8th, 12 noon, Multipurpose room!!! Come help usher in this wonderful season!



Christmas Eve Services!



JOIN US FOR

CANDLELIGHT

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 24

4PM - FAMILY
7:30PM - TRADITIONAL

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FAMILY MINISTRY

Pre-School Registration

Online preschool registration for current families and church members for the 2026/27 school year opens through our planning center on Tuesday, **December 2nd at 7 p.m.** <https://registrations.planningcenteronline.com>

You can scan the QR code Here!



General public registration opens Thursday, January 8th. Any general public early submissions will be declined with fees forfeited, in order to allow prioritization space to current families and church members.

Team Kid/Youth Christmas Break

Team Kid/Youth groups will **Not** meet on **December 24th and 31st** as they will be on Christmas Break.

MISSIONS

Our Christmas Mission Project is collecting books for Mosaic Ministry in Toledo. We are asking for donations of books appropriate for infants up through second grade (ages 7/8).

Missions gifted \$2,000 to Perrysburg Christians United (PCU) to help with current needs to ensure area residents have adequate food supplies.

Perrysburg First and PCU

The churches of PCU are asked to contribute specific items to the food bank each month. **For the month of December, we are asked to donate instant/dry potatoes.** In January, donations of pasta would be appreciated. If you wish to give a monetary donation, you may do so by visiting: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YQZA/home>. Thank you for your continued support of PCU!

Donations may be made online at www.perrysburgfirst.church under 'Give'.

The submission deadline for the next Chimes newsletter is on/around the 25th of the month.

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There is always a chance we could be out of the office, so we encourage you to call ahead before stopping by.