



# A Little Something



**December 14, 2025**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

### Hymns & Songs

Good Christians Friends, Rejoice  
Away in a Manger  
Joy to the World!

### Scripture

**Isaiah 7:13-16**  
**Psalms 146:5-10**  
**Luke 1:26-38**

### Contact the Church

#### Phone:

541-756-4155

#### Office Email:

[nbpres2238@gmail.com](mailto:nbpres2238@gmail.com)

#### Pastor Eric's Email

[pastorerericlindsey@gmail.com](mailto:pastorerericlindsey@gmail.com)

#### Web Address:

[nbpresbyterian.org](http://nbpresbyterian.org)

#### Address:

PO Box 611  
2238 Pony Creek Rd.  
North Bend, OR 97459

#### Church Office Hours:

Monday - Friday  
8:00AM - 12:00 PM



12/13	Allison Murphy
12/14	Tom Collins
12/15	Jody Thompson
12/25	Lavinia Guntle
12/29	Elaine Bessey
12/30	Mary Jo Jamsgard
12/30	Donna Tvler

### Community Events

#### Swingin in the Rain Christmas Dance Concert

Friday, 12/12, 7-9 pm  
The Salvation Army  
Gym Entrance  
1155 Flanagan Ave., CB

#### Egyptian Theater

51<sup>st</sup> Annual Sounds of  
Christmas Organ Concert  
Saturday, 12/13 @ Noon

#### Longest Night Christmas Observance

#### Feeling Blue for the Holidays?

Sunday, December 21 @ 7pm  
Emmanuel Episcopal Church  
(See the poster on the bulletin board in the Parlor or downstairs hallway for more information.)

### December

**Food Cupboard Challenge**

### Christmas Dinner

### Fixings

#### Needed Items:

Gloves, Warm Coats, Blankets,  
Sleeping Bags, Hand Warmers.  
**NO** Plastic or Paper Bags Needed.



### Shore Acres Field Trip



We will be taking the bus to see the lights at Shore Acres on:

**Sunday, Dec. 14 @ 5:00 pm**  
**Sunday, Dec. 21 @ 5:00 pm**  
**Tuesday, Dec. 23 @ 5:00 pm**

There are sign-up sheets in the Parlor to secure your seat on the bus.

### In Joyous Adoration Concert in Celebration of Christmas

Musical Selections Performed by Members of the First Pres. Family & Friends.

**Sunday, Dec. 21 @ 2pm**



### Christmas Joy Special Offering

We will be collecting this Special Offering On Sunday, Dec. 21 during worship.

50% helps current & retired church workers and their families in times of need.  
50% helps students of color to grow in faith at Presbyterian related colleges.

See flyers in the bulletins for more detailed information.

Third Sunday of Advent, December 14, 2025

## Scripture Reading: James 5:7-10

*Joy is the serious business of heaven. —C.S. Lewis*

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday — from the Latin word for “Rejoice.” The days are shorter. The world grows colder. And we’re told to “Rejoice!” But why? Why should we rejoice now? The world is not at peace. Our hearts are often heavy. Our headlines are grim. So why this sudden celebration?

Because joy is not just an emotion. Joy is *resistance*.

In a world that runs on outrage, division and despair, choosing joy is an act of rebellion.

- Joy refuses to give darkness the final word.
- Joy pushes back against the lie that nothing will ever change.
- Joy says, “I see the brokenness ... and still I believe in beauty.”

This kind of joy isn’t naive or blind. It doesn’t ignore grief. It sings in defiance of it.

- Think of Mary, pregnant with uncertainty and scandal, who still sang her Magnificat.
- Think of Paul and Silas, singing hymns from a prison cell.
- Think of Jesus, who endured the cross “for the joy set before him.”

The third candle of our Advent wreath is rose-colored — pink. It stands out — a flicker of warmth in the cold. Lighting this candle is a declaration: “Even here, even now — I will rejoice.”

When we light the Candle of Joy, we’re saying: We will not let sorrow define our story, we will not let cynicism close our hearts, and we will not forget that Christ is coming — and is already among us. Joy is what happens when we believe that God is still at work — even in the silence.

So, this week, how might we practice joy as resistance? We might smile at someone who’s forgotten how, laugh in the middle of stress, give thanks even when waiting for answers or sing — not because life is easy, but because God is good.

Light a candle and refuse to let the darkness have the last word!

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: O God, in the middle of our waiting, sing your joy into our hearts. Give us the strength to laugh again, to hope again, to sing again — even when tears still fall. We trust that joy is coming. In Christ, our Joy and our Light, we pray. Amen.*

## Daily Bible Readings

- Sunday:** Psalms 142-145
- Monday:** Psalms 146-147
- Tuesday:** Psalms 148-150
- Wednesday:** Revelation 13-14
- Thursday:** Revelation 15-18
- Friday:** Proverbs 8-11
- Saturday:** Proverbs 12-14



3	3	3	3
3	3	3	3
3	3	3	3
3	3	3	3

**THREE STRIKES AND YOU'RE OUT!**

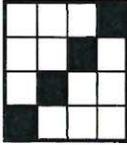
Strike out four 3s so that there are only three 3s in each row and three 3s in each column. Find two different ways to do it. Two solutions are below.

## COMPOUND WORDS

Combine the 3-letter words on the top with the 3-letter words on the bottom to form 20 new words. You can use each word only one time. For example: teapot.

tea	bat	boo	car	out
for	nap	man	fat	but
box	cot	dim	tip	arm
tip	red	car	bed	see
ton	ton	top	kin	her
pit	eye	car	wit	pet
toe	wit	boo	age	bid
saw	ten	ton	pot	pan

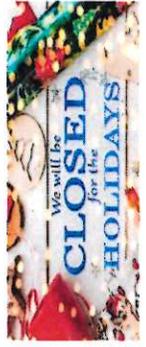
**COMPOUND WORDS:** teapot, forbid, boxcar, tiptop, bather, napkin, cotton, redeye, booboo, manage, dimwit, carpet, carton, fatten, tiptoe, bedpan, outwit, button, armpit, seesaw.



# 2025

# 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> Ladies Bible Study 10 am <b>Staff Meeting 10:30 am</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Bill Kendrick</b>	<b>4</b> Tai Chi 10:15 am Ladies Thursday Bible Study 11am <b>Bay Area Concert Band 7:30 pm</b> <b>Steve Simpkins</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b> Worship/Communion 10:30 am Youth Church <b>Bay Area Concert Band 2:00 pm</b>	<b>8</b> Ladies Bible Study 10 am <b>Session Meeting 6:00 pm</b> <b>Brenda Grotzke</b>	<b>9</b> 	<b>10</b> Tai Chi 10:15 am Ladies Thursday Bible Study 11am	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Allison Murphy</b>
<b>14</b> Worship 10:30 am Youth Church <b>New Members Shore Acres 5:00 pm</b> <b>Tom Collins</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Jody Thompson</b>	<b>16</b> Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Tai Chi 10:15 am Ladies Thursday Bible Study 11am	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Worship 10:30 am Youth Church Christmas Joy Offering <b>1st Pres. Music Concert 2:00 pm</b> <b>Shore Acres 5:00 pm</b>	<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b> Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am <b>Shore Acres 5:00 pm</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Church Closed</b> <b>Christmas Eve Service 2:00 pm</b>	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Lavinia Guntle</b>
<b>28</b> OTG Sunday 10:30 am <b>Friendship Potluck</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Elaine Bessey</b>	<b>30</b> Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am <b>Donna Tyler</b> <b>Mary Jo Jamsgard</b>	<b>31</b> 			

Birthdays printed in Blue