

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Sunday, November 30, 2025

Welcome and Announcements:

Advent Reading: Genesis 3:8-15

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship: Isaiah 12

Pastor: You will say in that day:

**Congregation: "I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.**

Pastor: "Behold, God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid;

**Congregation: for the Lord God is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation."**

Pastor: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:

Congregation: Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name,

Pastor: make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

**Congregation: "Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.**

**All: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."**

Song of Adoration: Hymn #194- O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Red Book #47- The Goodness of Jesus

Song of Thanksgiving: Song of the Saints

Profession of Faith Q & A 30

Q. Do those who look for their salvation in saints, in themselves, or elsewhere really believe in the only savior Jesus?

A. No. Although they boast of being his, by their actions they deny the only savior, Jesus. Either Jesus is not a perfect savior, or those who in true faith accept this savior have in him all they need for their salvation.

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 12:18-24

Confession of Sin

Pastor: Father, your love draws us to confess our sins.
Your love is greater than our deep brokenness.

**Congregation: We have wandered our own way,
declared ourselves in charge of our lives,
and made ourselves outcast from you and others.**

Pastor: Your love is greater than our blindness to our brokenness.

**Congregation: We minimize our sin,
acting like we're fractured but not broken,
like we can get by on our own strength.**

Pastor: Your love is greater than our complacency in our brokenness.

**Congregation: We sometimes treat the truth of brokenness like a get out of jail free card.
We don't push forward and fight.**

We under-believe that you can transform us.

All: Cover over our sins, Father, in the depths of your love. In Jesus name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession: Rev. Brandon Edmonds
The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Preparation: Hymn #193- Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Sermon text: Genesis 4:1-16, 25-26

1 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord."**2** And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. **3** In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, **4** and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, **5** but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. **6** The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? **7** If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, and you must rule over it."

8 Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.**9** Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" **10** And the Lord said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. **11** And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. **12** When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth."

13 Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is greater than I can bear.14 Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me."15 Then the Lord said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.16 Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

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25 And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name Seth, for she said, "God has appointed for me another offspring instead of Abel, for Cain killed him." **26** To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to call upon the name of the Lord.

Children's Message

Sermon: The Long Delay to Christmas: Cain, Abel, and Seth

Outline:

- I. The Birth of Cain: Is it Christmas?
- II. Sin Explodes: The Curse Intensifies
- III. The Birth of Seth" The Long Road to the Promise

Closing Song: Red Book #35- Give Thanks

Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.