



# First Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

November 27, 2022

Early Service - 8:15

Sunday School - 9:10 - 10:10

Worship Service - 10:30

1st Sunday of Advent

# Gathered As God's People

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

Paul Manz

\*Call to Worship (Psalm 122:1-9)

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH** (8:15) Lorie Fisher, Payne & Margarita

Watch and wait for Christ's coming! (10:30) Neeley & John, Caroline, Ann Russell &  
We light this candle in hope. Harrison King

*Congregational response*

*Wait for the Lord*

WAIT FOR THE LORD

**Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.**

**Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!**

Hear God's promise of hope from Isaiah 2:2-4:

In days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Let us pray:

Faithful God, out of war's chaos, you bring the order of peace. Renew us in hope, that we may work toward Christ's advent of peace. God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

\*Hymn #88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
stanzas 1-4

VENI EMMANUEL

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Most holy and merciful Father: We confess in your presence the sinfulness of our nature, prone to evil and slothful in good. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your precious love. Have mercy, O Lord, upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you; and forgive our sins, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen** (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

\*Gloria #113

GLORIA

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

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The Children's Time

Follow The Star to Bethlehem

*(Children through age five may leave the sanctuary for Children's Activity Time following the Children's Time and they may be picked up in the nursery after the 10:30 worship service)*

## **Proclaiming God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Jeff Baxter 8:15

Pat Bridges 10:30

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 2:1-5

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The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

10:30 Anthem

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
Beth Patton, soprano

William Cutter

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 24:36-44

NT pages 27 –28

Sermon

“Hope: Jesus Christ, Prophet”

Rev. Dr. Paul Bauer

## **Responding To God’s Word**

\*Hymn #82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

\*Affirmation of Faith (The Apostle’s Creed)

**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 again 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.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

**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**

Offertory 8:15  
10:30

Meditation on VENI CREATOR  
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Matthew Corl  
Natalie Sleeth

\*Doxology #607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

As you call the sun to rise, O God, bring the light of Christ to dawn in our souls and dispel all darkness. Give us grace to reflect Christ's glory; let his love show in our deeds, his peace shine in our words, and his healing in our touch, that All may give him praise, now and forever. Amen

\*Hymn #121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

\*Benediction

Postlude

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers  
See #362 for text

K. Lee Scott

Flowers in the sanctuary are to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Will Green, Ruth Green, Babs Green, David Green and Dale Carter given by their family.

\*Please stand as able

Please sign the red friendship pad at the end of each pew, so we will know who is worshipping with us today.

## ABOUT ADVENT

Advent means the "coming or arrival." The season of Advent in the church year begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. During the Sundays before Christmas we will hear scripture readings prophesying about the One who will come to save us. The liturgical color for advent is purple, signifying the expectation of a royal Savior. Advent is a time of preparation and waiting for Christmas.

In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the turning of the light into winter's season and to pray for the return of the light. The church has Christianized that practice in the lighting of the Advent wreath. To us, these candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who is coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our world. Until the dawning of that Great Day, we watch and wait in Holy Spirit for Christ's coming into the darkness of our world, lighting candles of hope, peace, joy, and love; and remembering the promises of God with prayer.

### Care List

The **Care list** is a list of members and friends who are sick, bereaved, or celebrating a happy occasion. After reading their names, you may want to write a short message to someone on the list.

Our Prayers...

Sue Dunnebacke, Don Yeager (brother of Sue Halsted), Ray Messick and family, Greg Baxter, Sue Chiles, Barbara Barlar (mother of Janet McAlister), Joe Pugh (brother of Ann Lewis), Gloria Bryson (mother of Ellen Ludwig), Bob Sweeney, Imogene Nelson, Lynn Carroll (father of Margaret Piper), Joe Graham III, Waymon Hickman, Steve, Roger, and Gary Rampley (brothers of Betty Sloan), Kristin Gwaltney (niece of Jennie Grace Jewell).

# Announcements

## Weekly Calendar:

Tuesday: 10:00 Staff Meeting

Wednesday: 5:30 - 6:00 Dinner for All - Beefy Noodle Casserole, Green Salad, Garlic Bread. Children: Chicken Nuggets, Mac-n-Cheese, Fruit  
6:00 - 7:00 Activities for children and youth, Adult Bible Study, Young Women's Bible Study  
7:00 - Chancel Choir

If you would like reservations for Wonderful Wednesday Dinner, please call the office at 388-1985 or email me at rfosterfpc@gmail.com. We need 3 volunteers to bring a dessert to share. If you can call the church office.

Saturday: 6:00 Christmas Parade (Fellowship Committee serving hot chocolate at the parade)

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary or for a homebound member, there are envelopes on the front pews, and on the tables in the Narthex and Gathering area.

It's that time of year when we think about giving gifts and helping others that are less fortunate than ourselves. The Family Center's Angel Tree Program provides a perfect opportunity to spread much needed Christmas love. The Angel Tree will be set up in the Gathering space of the church, beginning Sunday, November 20. Each tag represents a child's information and their Christmas wish. **Presents must be unwrapped with tag attached, then taken to the Family Center by December 9th.**

Please contact the church office if you would like to be an usher. We need volunteers.

# Ministers of the Church

## Ruling Elders

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
Dorothy Duncan	Mary Beth Cotham	Andy Crichton
Dan Garman	Tony Khim	Lorie Fisher
Michael McAlister	Ed Lancaster	John Hill
Jim Ross	Craig Lorch	Amy Overton
Dawn Taylor	Terry Hendrickson	Argie Satterwhite

## Board of Deacons

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
Janice English	Brian Allred	Jennie Harlan
Houston Jameson	Jessica Elam	Mary Marshall Jewell
Zach Maddux	Bill Handy	Martha Kelley
Sharon Shaw	Lynne Hendrickson	Brent Perry
Joann Lorch	Katie Ledbetter	Debbie Sherman

## Staff

Rev. Mark Mueller, Transitional Pastor; Susie Baxter, Director of Christian Education;  
Renea Foster, Administrative Assistant; Carroll Kilgore, Business Administrator;  
James Marshall, Sexton