



First Presbyterian Church

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First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022, 11:00 AM

* Indicates that those who are able may stand

Bold type is spoken by the people.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus *Charlton D. Bozard*

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Doré Family

ONE: The world says, "All is lost." God says, "All is loved."

ONE: The darkness says, "The light is dying." The light says, "The fire is catching."

ONE: Fear says, "Cover your eyes and your ears." Hope says, "Wait, watch, and listen."

ONE: As we light our first Advent candle,

ALL: we pray for holy hope of God.

ONE: Come now, O Child of Mary.

ALL: Come now, O Prince of Hope.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Katie Ory, Liturgist

ONE: Let us go into the house of the Lord!

ALL: Let us meet God with joy!

ONE: God builds us up like a great city.

ALL: May peace be within our walls.

ONE: Let us seek the goodness of God;

ALL: let us go into the house of the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE This is the time for us to wake from sleep; salvation is near to us. Let us then lay aside the tatters of sin, and put on the armor of righteousness, asking our Savior for forgiveness, saying...

ALL: O God, we are steeped in a world of violence. War is one of the first things we learn, and we let it work its way into our lives. Your promises of peace sound like impossible dreams, and we become accustomed to cruelty. Forgive us. Wrest our weapons from our hands, and show us how beautiful life can be when you forge them into instruments of peace. Amen.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

*RESPONSE HYMN: Lord Have Mercy Upon Us #575

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: Beloved, know this: the God of Presence, the God of Transformation, the God of Peace, hears our prayers and gives us power to love.

ALL: Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI #581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES *Rev. Michael McLaughlin*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 2:1-5 P.594

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 13:11-14 P.152

ONE: Heaven and earth will pass away but the word of the Lord stands forever.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SOLO: Light of the World *Lauren Daigle
Anna Kaye Samon, soloist*

The world waits for a miracle
The heart longs for a little bit of hope
Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel
A child prays for peace on Earth
And she's calling out from a sea of hurt
Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel
And can you hear the angels singing
Glory to the light of the world
Glory, the light of the world is here

The drought breaks with the tears of a mother
A baby's cry is the sound of love
Come down, come down, Emmanuel
Oh, He is the song for the suffering
He is Messiah, the Prince of Peace has come
He has come, Emmanuel
Glory to the light of the world
For all who wait
For all who hunger
For all who've prayed
For all who wonder
Behold your King
Behold Messiah
Emmanuel, Emmanuel

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 24:36-44

P.83

SERMON

Rev. Michael McLaughlin

*SERMON HYMN

Watchman, Tell us of the Night

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COMMUNAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world. Amen.

*GREETINGS

After an exchange of Peace between the Pastor and the Congregation, we encourage you to greet one another. The Greetings will conclude with the first verse of *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*.

ONE: ...The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ONE: ... Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

ALL: 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.

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY: Lo, He Comes! *Robert J. Powell*

*DOXOLOGY #606

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light #377

*BENEDICTION

ONE: ...Alleluia!

ALL: Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus *June Nixon*

BIRTHDAYS:

SINE, Grace Anna	11/02	AINSLEY, Amy L.	11/12
HOLLAND, Chelsea	11/04	MYERS, Sharon	11/12
FOLEY, Sal	11/05	SWIM, Bill	11/18
SIMPSON, Donna	11/06	MASSA, Carrie	11/23
TURNER, Gail	11/06	ESTES, Myrna	11/24
GREESON, Jim	11/08	KINCAID, Jack	11/27
		WOODS, Elliot	11/28

STAFF:

The Rev. Michael D. McLaughlin.....Pastor
Paul Thurmond..... Director of Music
Amy Ainsley.....Administrative Assistant
Virginia Kirby.....SoulSong Coordinator
Katie Ory.....Director of Children & Youth Ministry

ELDERS:

2022: Barry Turner, Donna Simpson
2023: Jon Dugle, John Nisbet, David Pelren
2024: Beverly Cardinal, Pat Wilhelm

DEACONS:

2022: Chris McCormick, Alana Pelren, Erica Scott
2023: Myrna Estes, Ron Ledbetter, Amy Woods
2024: Sam Glasgow, Sidonie Sansom, Bob See

CLERK OF SESSION: Linda Wilson

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIANS: Cade Arnold, True McLaughlin, Sarah Pelren