

November 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE "Piano Sonata No. 14, Mov. 1" Beethoven

WELCOME

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL OFFERING

INTROIT "God Is Near" Raney

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Dan and Melissa Baker

Advent is a time to hear again of God's redeeming work.

Give us ears, O Lord, and help us to hear.

Advent is a time to hear again of God's reconciling love.

Give us ears, O Lord, and help us to hear.

Advent is a time to hear again of God's unmerited grace.

Give us ears, O Lord, and help us to hear.

Advent is a time to hear again of our ultimate hope.

Give us ears, O Lord, and help us to hear.

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OPENING SENTENCES Rev. 22:20; Rom. 13:11-12; Jer. 33:14

Jesus says: I am coming soon.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Awake from your sleep; salvation is near!

The night is far gone; the day is at hand.

The day of the Lord is surely coming;

the promise of God will be fulfilled.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN #133** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL

CALL TO CONFESSION Matt. 3:2-3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the future,
you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.
We confess that we have not expected your kingdom,
for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment.
We accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbors,
abuse the earth,
and refuse your justice and peace.

In your mercy, forgive us.
Grant us wisdom to welcome your way,
and to seek things that will endure
when Christ comes to judge the world.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Isa. 35:1, 10

... we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN #677 "Soon and Very Soon" SOON AND VERY SOON

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of our salvation,
hear our prayer.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING Luke 1:46-47, 51-53

OFFERTORY "Valses No. 8" Granados

+**RESPONSE #173** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (refrain) ADESTE FIDELES
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Second Helvetic Confession*
(Switzerland, 1561)

We believe and teach that the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ,
was predestined or foreordained from eternity by the Father to be
the Savior of the world. And we believe that he was born, not only
when he assumed flesh of the Virgin Mary, and not only before the
foundation of the world was laid, but by the Father before all
eternity in an inexpressible manner. For Isaiah said: "Who can tell
his generation?" And Micah says: "His origin is from of old, from
ancient days." And John said in the Gospel: "In the beginning was
the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 2:1-5

PSALM Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;
to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.

For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.
For the sake of my kindred and companions,
I pray for your prosperity.
Because of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek to do you good."

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 13:11-14

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 24:36-44

RESPONSE Matt. 3:2

Repent and return to God;
the realm of heaven is at hand.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "The Promise of Advent" Besig / Price

SERMON "Come, Let Us Go Up..." Rev. Bill Pinches

+**HYMN #138** NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND
"Savior of the Nations, Come"

+**BLESSING** Rom. 15:13

... by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Alleluia!

+**CHARGE** Matt. 5:3

Prepare the way of the Lord!
Amen.

+**CHORAL BENEDICTION** PERSONENT HODIE
"Long Ago, Prophets Knew" (verse 1)

POSTLUDE "Songs without Words, Op. 30-6" Mendelssohn

Join us for fellowship after worship.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

SERVING US TODAY
Liturgist: Debbie Shellenbarger
Greeters: Laurie and Erin McGonigal and Lisa and Jill Castle
Sound: Marty Subject
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Will Ozee
Today's flowers are given by
Mary Lou French
in memory of loved ones

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#11. Barnabas:

A disciple named Joseph, who was a Jewish priest from Cyprus, shares his wealth. The apostles call him “Barnabas,” or “Son of Encouragement.” (Acts 4:32-37)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 43. What do you affirm when you say that he was “crucified, dead and buried”?

That when our Lord passed through the door of real human death, he showed us that there is no sorrow he has not known, no grief he has not borne, and no price he was unwilling to pay in order to reconcile us to God.

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DAILY PRAYER

search for “Daily Prayer (Presbyterian Book of Common Worship)” in your podcast app, or go to www.buzzsprout.com/1466482

EVENTS THIS WEEK

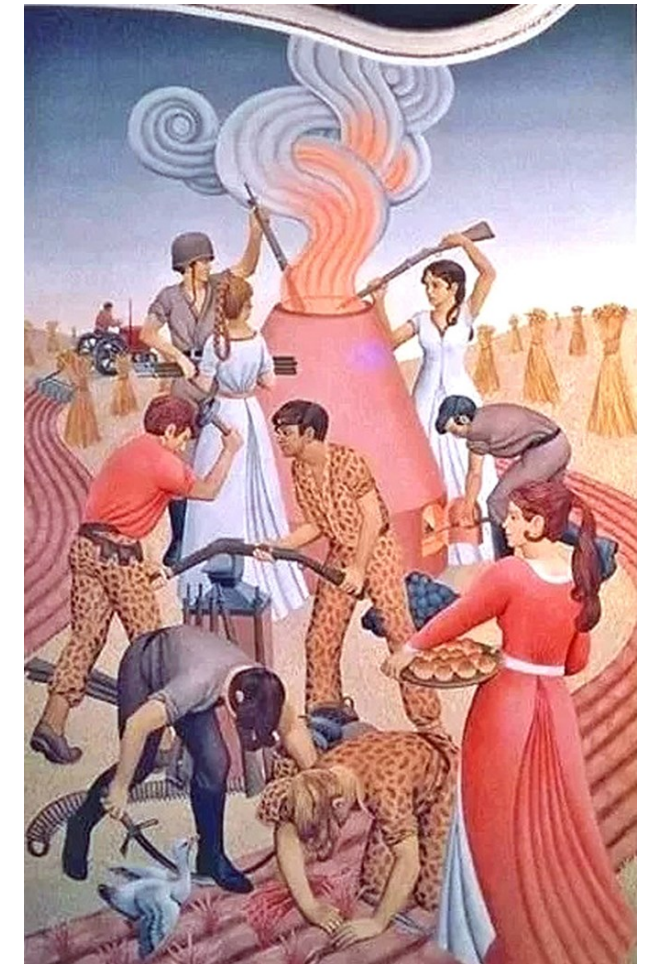
Monday	Women’s Association Craft & Luncheon	10:30 am
Tuesday	Parish Life Committee	1:00 pm
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth)	3:15 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:30 pm
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Thursday	Administration Committee	7:00 pm
	Board of Deacons	7:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	
Saturday	Hanging of the Greens	10:00 am
	Yarners	10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Bonnie Friend Nov. 29
Steve Sowles Nov. 29

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*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)*