

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LEBANON

First Sunday in Advent



November 27, 2022

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 27, 2022 First Sunday of Advent

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *Lord, I Have Shut the Door* Don Hustad

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Margaret Trail & Jim Murff

Leader: Loving God, come and shine your light in the world! Let us pray together.

People: God, in whom we hope, we wait for your coming to us once again. Strengthen us as we wait, so that we will not lack any spiritual gift as we embrace your judgment. Help us to stay awake to the signs of your coming. Amen.

Sing: *Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.*

*HYMN NO. 551 *Come Ye Thankful People, Come* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not anticipated your kingdom.

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 this world. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news. Jesus came to save sinners. May we be dead to sin and alive to God.

People: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI Hymn No. 23

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

*THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Speak to us, Lord.

Speak to us in the waiting, the watching,
the hoping, the longing,
the sorrow, the sighing, the rejoicing.

Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days,
and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

*The Lord 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*

ANTHEM

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Walter Ehret

*Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, love most bright;
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, Soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashion'd with the fire of life impassion'd.
Striving still to truth unknown, Soaring, dying round Thy throne.
Through the day when hope is guiding, Hark, what peaceful music rings;
Where the flock in Thee confiding, Drink of joy from deathless springs.
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure, theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead Thine own, Love of Thee brings joys unknown.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

SERMON

Advent in Isaiah: Judgment

Rev. Sherard Edington

Sermon Series

ADVENT IN ISAIAH

- Isaiah 2:1-5 - Judgment
- Isaiah 11:1-10 - Peace
- Isaiah 35:1-10 - Hope
- Isaiah 7:10-16 - Salvation

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 559

We Gather Together

KREMSEK

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be
exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a
cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

Don Hustad

*DOXOLOGY

*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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 11

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

GEBEN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn no. 44

*O Little Town of Bethlehem
How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, Still the dear Christ enters in.*

*POSTLUDE

Standing on the Promises

Traditional

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to become a member of First Presbyterian Church. For more information, please speak to the pastor at the close of the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

November 30, 6:00 p.m.

Covered Dish

Bring your favorite dish and a friend.

SPECIAL MUSIC – On Sunday, December 4, we will welcome the Music City Bronze Quartet to our worship service. As ambassadors for Music City Bronze the mission of the MCB-4 Handbell Quartet is to assist in introducing and sharing the joy of handbell ringing with a wide variety of audiences, and to demonstrate the versatility, beauty and exuberance of this charming and graceful pitched percussion instrument.

JONATHAN IS TURNING 50! – There will be a 50th birthday party for Jonathan Bouton today from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

COMPASSIONATE HANDS MEAL – FPC will prepare food on Friday, December 9, for Compassionate Hands lunches. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the meal, serve, and clean up. We will meet at the Compassionate Hands Center at 11:30 a.m. Contact the church office at 615-444-1360 to volunteer.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) –meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
9:00 a.m.	Church School	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
10:00 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Monday		Thursday	
6:00 p.m.	New Day (AA)	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
Tuesday		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Friday	
6:00 p.m.	AA Group (Annex)	Saturday	

FINANCE UPDATE

Last Week's Offering	\$3,465.00
Year-To-Date Report	
October Income	\$21,452.78
October Expenses	\$30,578.60

ELDERS

Class of 2022
Jessica Fain
Mickey Stueck
Lee Lyle

Class of 2023
Max Carter
Frank Reeves
David Foutch
Wayne Patton

Class of 2024
Jackie Cowden

DIACONATE

Class of 2022
Jack Emmert
Marilyn Peyton
Margaret Ann Trail

Class of 2023
Margaret Carroll
Mark Fain
Carol Benson
Pat Hatcher

Class of 2024
Jonathan Bouton
Carol Turner
Van Turner
Sandra Weatherford

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
Treasurer – Robin Orewiler
Budget & Finance – Frank Reeves
Buildings and Grounds – Van Turner
Christian Education – Max Carter
Congregational Care – Mickey Stueck
Outreach – Jessica Fain
Personnel – Jackie Cowden
Worship – Wayne Patton

STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation
Pastor – Sherard Edington
Organist/Director of Music – Darryl Nettles
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent
Preschool Director – Angela Hankins
Nursery – Sara Brown
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children
Nursery
Elementary Class and
Middle- High School Class

Adult
Crossroads Class
Faith Builders Class
Westminster Class

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