

FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
LEBANON



November 28, 2021

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 28, 2021 First Sunday of Advent

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE *Awake, the Voice Is Calling Us*

J.S. Bach

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Jim & Mickey Stueck

Leader: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.
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. Help us to stay
awake to the signs of your coming. Amen.

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

*HYMN NO. 8 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

TRURO

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
expected 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.

ANTIPHONAL PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 80

Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

*O shepherd of Israel, hear us, you who lead Joseph's flock, shine forth
from your cherubim throne upon Ephraim Benjamin, Manasseh.*

O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. (R)

*God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.
Visit the vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.*

They have burnt it with fire and destroyed it.

May they perish at the frown of your face. (R)

*May your hand be on the one you have chosen, the one you have given
your strength. And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we
may call upon your name, God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R)*

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 26:5b-10

A wandering Aramean was my ancestor...

ANTHEM

Hark! A Herald Voice Is Calling

Richard Shephard

*Hark, a herald voice is calling: "Christ is night," it seems to say;
"Cast away the dreams of darkness, O ye children of the day!"*

*Wakened by the solemn warning, Let her earthbound soul arise:
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling, Shines upon the morning skies..*

*Lo! The Lamb, so long expected, Comes with pardon down from heaven;
Let us haste with tears of sorrow, One and all to be forgiven.*

*So when next he comes in glory, Wrapping all the earth in fear,
May he then as our defender On the clouds of heaven appear.*

And with words of love draw near.

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

SERMON

The Shape of Our Faith

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 27 *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child* TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

*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

OFFERTORY *Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying* Max Reger

*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. 9 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE O Little Town of Bethlehem
Hymn no. 44

*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 *Once He Came in Blessing* J.S. Bach

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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

December 1, 6:00 p.m.

Covered Dish

Bring your favorite dish and a friend.

Join us for great food and fellowship.

THANK YOU to everyone for the many calls, texts, cards, and prayers during George's recent illness, surgery, and recovery.

– George and Nancy Gebhardt

COMPASSIONATE HANDS – Winter shelters open in less than a week! A sign-up is posted in the hall if you would like to help with laundry on Monday afternoons (this year we're using the facilities at the Hope Center) or breakfast on Sunday mornings. Although we haven't committed to providing nightly hosts or helping with the daily sanitizing of each shelter, CH is still looking for volunteers in these areas. If you can help, please contact Allen Tack of CH at 615-426-1254. We also need donations of travel Kleenex, Hot Hands warmers, disposable razors, and travel shampoo. A collection box will be located in the hallway near fellowship hall for you to drop off these items. Your support of this vital ministry is appreciated.

WREATH MAKING will take place Friday, December 3, at 10:00 a.m. Join us to assemble wreaths to decorate the doors of the church for Advent/Christmas. Donations of magnolia leaves, berries, etc. are welcomed. Everyone is invited to participate.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Prayers for health and well-being for Patsy Barnes, Betty Crosslin, George Gebhardt, Ida Mason, Lydia McVicker, Larry Nickelson, Gould Smith Jr., and Lyse Watson.

Prayers for those who are homebound or distanced due to the pandemic: Carolyn Beard, Pat Climer, Anne Donnell, Rachel Low, and Lois Ann Wauford.

YOUTH

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

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
8:45 a.m.	Worship	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
9:45 a.m.	Church School	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Thursday	
Monday		9:00 a.m.	Preschool
Tuesday		7:00 p.m.	Praise Team
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Friday	
		Saturday	

ELDERS

Class of 2021
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David Howell

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Mickey Stueck
Pat Bone

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David Foutch
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Class of 2023
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Mark Fain
Carol Benson
Pat Hatcher

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children
Nursery
Preschool – 1st Grade
Elementary Class
Middle- High School Class

Adult
Crossroads Class
Faith Builders Class
Westminster Class
Women's Class

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