

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
LEBANON

*Third Sunday
in Advent*



December 11, 2022

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 11, 2022 Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light* Roger Wilson

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Sandra & Wayne Patton

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

People: God of peace, we look forward to the time when the earth is full of your glory, when righteousness is at home and peace reigns in all the world. May we prepare for that day by working together as your holy people. 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 unexpected, you sent prophets to tell us of the One who would come—the One who would be like new life in a dry land, like a desert bursting with flowers.

Yet we confess that we remain deaf to the word of your prophets and blind to their signs. We choose to see only despair and desolation.

In this season of Advent, we pray that you will forgive us our sins and open our eyes to the joy of your reign. Lead us back to you. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will forgive and restore my people, when I will equip them for every good work, when I will grant justice.

People: God hears our prayers and delivers forgiveness.

Leader: This is the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA

Hymn No. 23

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

*THE PEACE

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

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 35:1-10

*And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.*

ANTHEM

The Snow Lay on the Ground

John Coates

*The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright,
When Christ our Lord was born on Christmas night.
Venite adoremus Dominum; Venite adoremus Dominum.*

*Saint Mary, Virgin pure, of holy Anne,
That brought into this world the God made Man.
She laid Him in a stall at Bethlehem;
The sheep and donkey shared the roof with him.
Venite adoremus Dominum; Venite adoremus Dominum.*

*Saint Joseph, too was by to tend the Child;
To guard Him and protect His Mother mild.
The angels hovered round and sang this son:
Venite adoremus Dominum; Venite adoremus Dominum.*

*And thus the manger poor became a throne;
For He, whom Mary bore, was God the Son.
O come, then let us join the heav'nly host
To praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Venite adoremus Dominum; Venite adoremus Dominum.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

SERMON

Advent in Isaiah: 3. Joy

Rev. Sherard Edington

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 9 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' 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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *A Shepherd's Lament* Gilbert Martin

*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. 16 *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came* GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 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 *The Holly and the Ivy* David Paxton

December Sermon Series **ADVENT in ISAIAH**

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

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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

December 14, 6:00 p.m.

Covered Dish

We will have a special visit from Santa.

Wear your favorite Christmas sweater.

Bring your wish list and your camera! Please call the church office at 615-444-1360 to make a reservation by noon Tuesday.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN – FPC Women will meet Monday, December 12, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a sandwich and join us for lunch. Friends are always welcome.

LADIES BINGO NIGHT – All ladies of the church are invited to attend Bingo Night on Monday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. The event is hosted by Robin Emmert. Bring a \$10 gift and a friend and join the fun. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend.

MEN'S BREAKFAST will be held on Saturday, December 17, at 8:00 a.m. Contact the church office if you plan to attend.

YOUTH

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

MISSION

COMPASSIONATE HANDS - On Thursday, FPC hosted 4 women.

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
11:15 a.m.	Session Meeting	Thursday	
Monday		9:00 a.m.	Preschool
10:30 a.m.	Presbyterian Women	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
		Friday	
5:00 p.m.	Officer Training	Saturday	
6:00 p.m.	New Day (AA)	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
7:00 p.m.	Women's Bingo		
Tuesday			
9:00 a.m.	Preschool		
6:00 p.m.	AA Group (Annex)		

SESSION

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 Chaney
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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FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Expenses	Income
October	\$48,122.49	\$55,051.26
YTD	\$306,409.29	\$272,253.04
	Last Week's Offering	\$9,579.51