

First Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

December 1, 2024 — Advent I

Prelude I	<i>Sinfonia in G Major</i>	– J.S. Bach
Prelude II	<i>Power of Your Love</i>	– Geoff Bullock
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation		
Welcome & Announcements		Dan Reeves
Pass the Peace		
Advent Meditation		Brooks & Micki Newbry
Call to Worship	<i>He Came Down</i>	#137
*Opening Hymn	<i>O Lord, How Shall I Meet You</i>	#104
Call to Confession		Renita Jurgensen
Unison Prayer of Confession		
Silent Confession		
Assurance of Pardon		
*Doxology	<i>Sing of the Lord’s Goodness</i>	– Sands, Walker
Prayer for Illumination		Renita Jurgensen
Scripture — Psalm 107:9-22 (ESV)		
Anthem	<i>Advent Joy</i>	– Hal Hopson
Sanctuary Choir		
Time with Our Children		Anita Ramsey
Video Meditation: The Anticipation of Hope		

Sermon  
A Gnawing Pain That Just Won’t Go Away  
Rev. Christian Johnson

Scripture — Luke 1:5-25 (ESV)

Hymn of Affirmation  
*In Christ Alone*  
– Keith Getty, Stuart Townend  
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

Minute for Ministry  
Food Pantry

Call to Offering & Prayer of Dedication  
Renita Jurgensen

Offertory  
*Peace Be Still*  
– Ingram, Huguley, Willis  
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord’s Prayer  
Rev. Christian Johnson

\*Closing Hymn  
*Let the Praises Ring*  
– Lincoln Brewster  
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

\*Benediction  
Rev. Christian Johnson

Postlude  
*Postlude in G*  
– Lorraine Forsdick

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

To see more details on these announcements, check your Weekly Update.  
To subscribe to the Weekly Update, contact the church office at  
[pubs@fpcmesa.org](mailto:pubs@fpcmesa.org).

Christian Education at 11:20: Adults in Library; Children’s in Jackson B  
Poinsettias can be ordered for \$10 each. Forms in the Sanctuary & office; link in Weekly Update. Deadline 12/13.

Silent Auction for Mission – bidding ends at 11:30 a.m. today.

Angel Tree: Angels are on the tree. Wrapped presents returned by 12/22.

Next Community Dinner: 12/4 at 5:00 in Fellowship Hall.

**PW Joint Meeting & Potluck:** 12/10 at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

**Cookie Decorating Class:** 12/14 at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

**Music Sunday:** 12/15 at 10:00 a.m. Join in the festival of Christmas music!

**Caroling in the Neighborhood:** 12/15. Meet in Fellowship Hall at 5:30; caroling at 6:00; soup, cookies and hot chocolate at 7:00.

**Celebrate Christmas Eve:** 12/24 at 3:00 & 6:00 p.m. w/Choirs, Candlelight, Communion & Bells.

**Thank you to all** who volunteered for All Church Clean Day and Hanging of the Greens.

**Prayer Requests must be sent to:** [Prayer@fpcmesa.org](mailto:Prayer@fpcmesa.org) or call the church office.

**See our complete Church Calendar at** [fpcmesa.org/calendar](http://fpcmesa.org/calendar).

**Wi-Fi:** Sanctuary Guest, LetUsPray!

**Our service is being livestreamed at** <https://www.youtube.com/@fpcmesa7064/streams>.

**Offerings can be made during worship, mailing to church office or using this QR code.**



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