
First Presbyterian Church

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Ten Forty-Five



First Sunday of Advent

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

LARGE-PRINT BIBLES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PEWS
LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS AND HEARING-ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FROM USHERS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Organ Prelude

“O Come, Emmanuel” Arr by Smith

Kay Devono

Welcome

The Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us share the peace of Christ.

Announcements and Friendship Register

please sign the friendship register found in your pew

Call to Worship¹

As the season of Advent begins, we celebrate hope.

**We know that through the birth of a tiny and helpless child,
God is coming to save the world.**

While we watch and wait for Jesus to arrive, we join in God’s mission by bringing grace and mercy to those who need it most.

**We engage the poor and the poor in spirit,
letting Christ’s light shine through us.**

We speak words of comfort and love to a world in need of healing as we share our stories of God’s transforming Spirit.

Together, we are a sign of God’s hope for the world.

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Harris Family

(As the first candle is lit) This candle represents hope. Long ago people had hope in their hearts as they waited for a savior, someone who would come to set people free. We hope too for the Savior’s love to be shared with our friends and to cover the world.

*Advent prayer (*in unison*)

**God of surprising grace, when we least expect it you bring fresh new life;
and where we feel that all is lost, you bring redemption.
Give us courage as we share all you have done, all you are doing,
and all you will accomplish through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Hymn #2

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Hyfrydol

(Blue Hymnals are on shelf below pew)

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession²

The Lord Jesus sympathizes with us in our weakness, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Responsive Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God,

Your Word brings us to our knees,

There are so many things we have failed to do that you have asked us to do:

**Fighting injustice, freeing the oppressed, housing the homeless,
clothing the naked, sharing our bread with the hungry.**

There are so many things we have done that you have asked us not to do:

Pointing fingers, speaking evil, hiding from our own kin when they need us.

Our faith is often barren and lifeless, and of little good in the world.

Forgive us, God of mercy.

Rebuild the ruins of our neglected efforts.

Repair and restore us to usefulness in the service of your glory.

(Personal prayer in silence)

In Christ's name we pray.

Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Friends believe the good news of the gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Hymn

Jesus Loves the Little Children

Jesus loves the little children.

Red and yellow, black and white

They are precious in his sight.

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Children of the Church

Terra Burnett

Prayer for Illumination *(in unison)*

Let us pray together.

**Great God and Everlasting Lord, it is with the utmost respect that we read
from the Bible, for this is your Holy Word to us. Focus our attention now for
nothing is more important than what you have to say to us. This we pray
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

Luke 21:25-36

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Parable of the Island”

Rev. John F. Koerner

I am a child of God. I believe in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.

I believe he has the power to change my life and your life.

Piano Interlude- *Silent prayer and reflection*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Blue Hymnal, p.14

*Hymn #15

“Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers” *(Vss 1-2)*

Llangloffan

(Same tune as , Lead On O King Eternal”)

Prayers of the People

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Gathering

Offertory

“Surely The Presence of the Lord is in this Place”

Choir

*The Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

SEALING THE WORD: THE HOLY MEAL

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O holy God, Father almighty, . . . Therefore, in joy, with prophets, apostles, martyrs, and saints of every time and place, we join in giving you praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy. Lord, God of Power and Might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

God of glory, in thanks we remember how Jesus broke bread . . .

. . . Believing Christ’s promise of eternal life, we live in him and declare:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Loving Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, . . .

. . . And now as our Savior Jesus Christ taught us, we are bold to pray. . .

Our Father who art in heaven,

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

The small glass dishes in the bread trays contain gluten free bread.

Following the bread, both wine (dark red) and grape juice (white) are served.

We will partake of communion together at the invitation of the pastor.

Prayer after Communion

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn #40

“Joy to the World!”

Antioch

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response “First Song of Isaiah” (chorus only) 2x

Surely it is God who saves me;

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense,

and he will be my Savior.

*Organ Postlude

“Praise Him with Trumpets” by Harris

Kay Devono

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² The Call to Confession, Assurance of Pardon, and communion liturgies were written by Rev. Amy S.W. Parker and are used here with permission.

Please join us for Fellowship and Refreshments in Westminster Hall.

Liturgists.....	The Congregation of First Presbyterian Church
Officiant and Preacher.....	Rev. John F. Koerner
Worship Leader.....	Dick Ogden
Choir Director.....	Jeanne Harris
Organist.....	Mary Kay Devono
Acolytes.....	Amelia Harris and Kierra Harris
Parish Associate.....	Rev. Charla Waters Koerner

CHURCH NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 2nd, 2018

SERVING YOU THIS MORNING

USHERS: Denver Atkinson, Lance Kuhens, Carole Wilburn

GREETER: Karen Nickerson



“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.”

Ephesians 2:8-9

NURTURING FAITH – Read Luke 21:25-36. We have now entered another season of Advent. Advent means “coming” and refers to the coming of God among us in Jesus, the baby of Bethlehem, and the second coming of Christ, for which we continue to wait. Jesus tells his disciples to be alert for when he returns. What are some ways you can be waiting, watching and alert to welcome Jesus? Share these with someone, and ask them the same question.

The Christmas Cantata "Touched by a Child, Touched by a King" will be presented on December 16, 2018 during morning worship. Anyone wishing to participate in the choir, as narrator or in the live nativity during the musical, please contact Jeanne Harris (304) 669-9191 or Work (304)-624-6445. The choir practices every Sunday from 12:00 - 1:00. The following is the extra practice schedule:

December 8th: Dress Rehearsal 10:00 - 12:00 (We will practice with sound, children and narrators)

December 15th: Dress Rehearsal 10:00 - 12:00 (We will practice with sound, children and narrators)

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER: We will be preparing the community dinner again this year. December 23: 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. (after church) preparing the food, deboning turkeys, making gravy and bagging up cookies, and also December 25 from 9 am - ? We will be boxing up the food and delivering it.

Christmas Dinner- There will be a light lunch following church on December 23, so church members are able to eat before helping with the Christmas dinner.



FOR CHURCHES IN OUR PRESBYTERY

Marlinton Presbyterian Church
McElhenney Presbyterian Church, Grassy Meadow

SPECIAL CARE FACILITIES:

Roberta Davis; Marj Faris; Amy Garrett; Sara Graham;
Carrie Waters

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FAMILIES: Bomhoff, Paula; Byers, Lauren and Bill
Compton, Harmony; Byers, Gayle; Gray, Sally; Kennedy, Larry and Tammy;
McQuaid, Jim and Judy; McQuaid, Radetta; Riddle, Richard ; Atkinson, Denver and Kandy;
Bryan, Juanita; Davis, Roberta; Hart, Elizabeth; Keller, Dianne; Leuliette, Charles and
Connie; Saunders, Susie; Simmerman, Frank and Jane, Rebecca; Simmerman, Trey and
Miranda

FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL CONCERNS:

ADKINS, Charles

COX, Jeremy

HARDMAN, Derek

KESLING, Lee

LINTON, Doug

OLDAKER, Kenneth

PACK, Amy

SMITH, Bonnie

WETZEL, Jennifer

BURKHAMMER, Dottie

CUMMINGS, JAY

HOLT, Jack

KING, Buddy

MORGAN, Misty

OLDAKER, Wilma

ROGERS, Joey

SMITH, Donna

COX, Eddie

FOWLER, Angie

HOOD, Robbie

KUHENS, Eric

NARDONE, Nickolas

ORR, Susan(Carole's Sister)

SHIFFRA, Everett

STROMBERG, Rosemary

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 2nd

Advent Workshop

(Lunch and Crafts) After church

Visitation Committee Meeting

Officers Training 1-3

Monday, December 3rd

Prayer Group 10:00 am

Wednesday, December 5th

Bible Study 6:30

Friday, December 7th

AA Group 12:00

Saturday, December 8th

Choir Practice 10-12

CHURCH ATTENDANCE ON November 25th

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