
First Presbyterian Church

Clarksburg, West Virginia

Rev. John F. Koerner

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Ten Forty-Five



Second Sunday of Advent

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Organ Prelude “Gesu Bambino” (The Infant Jesus Pastoral) *Pietro Yon*

Introit “Star of Wonder” Suzie Heger, Beth Allen, Jeanne Harris

Welcome

The Peace of Christ

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. 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 Worship and Prayer of the Day

Church, prepare to worship! Emmanuel is with us!

A child is coming, a child of wisdom and strength and beauty.

The authority of God will rest upon his shoulders.

He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God.

He will be called the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

He is King of Kings and Lord of lords.

Jesus is his name!

His is the name before whom every knee will bow.

Every song of praise will be cast as crowns before him.

For Jesus Christ is Emmanuel, God with us. Let us worship!

Lighting of Advent Wreath (Sally Gray and Suzi Heger)

As the first purple candle is lit: Jesus Christ is our hope.

As the second purple candle is lit: Jesus Christ is our hope for peace.

This candle stands for the peace that only Christ and his way can bring to our lives.

Advent prayer:

O God of hope and peace, as the light of the candles burns, so let your light shine through us as a sign of hope and peace for the world. By your Holy Spirit may the fire of faith burn within us, that we may live with courage in the face of the world’s darkness. Grant that we may live toward your promised future; through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace and the Hope of the World. Amen.

*Hymn #5 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” *Picardy*

*Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

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.

Prayer of Confession¹

O Holy God of Promise, we so often place our trust in the things we can see, touch and easily believe. But you did not ask us to believe what is easy. You have asked us to believe what is true! Forgive us, Holy One, when we doubt the ways you work. Forgive us when we find it hard to believe an ancient story. Forgive us when we question how you chose to enter the world, born as one of us. Forgive our lack of faith and belief in ways that seem so impossible to believe. Help us to look in faith, open our hearts, and set aside our doubts that

**you sent your Son, born of a virgin — the One who has come to set us all free.
We offer these prayers in the name of your Son, Emmanuel, God with us.
Amen.**

Declaration of Pardon 2 Peter 3:8-9

Do not ignore this fact, beloved, that with God one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow in fulfilling the promise, but is forbearing toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. Count the forbearance of our God as salvation. Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*Congregational Response- “Gloria Patri” #579

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Hymn #304 “Jesus Loves Me” (verse 1) *Jesus Loves Me*

Children of the Church Terra Burnett

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Let us pray together.

Eternal Spirit, you flow through the ages from the pages of Scripture, transforming hearts with your challenge, moving those who hear to new acts of faith, courage and mission. Bless our hearts and minds in the reading of the Word, so that we might know your presence and power more fully. We pray in the name of the Living Word. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 11:1-10

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson Romans 15:4-13

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon “People of the Book” Rev. John F. Koerner

Silent prayer and reflection

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed *Hymnal*, p.14

*Hymn #9 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *Veni Emmanuel*

Prayers of the People

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Gathering

Offertory

Bell Choir

* The Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn #38 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” *Carol CMD*

*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 “Preparation for the King” *Arr by Mansfield*

1. Inspired by Isaiah 7:14 and Luke 1:26-38. Jan Brooks, Cottonwood Falls Presbyterian Church, and posted on re-worship.blogspot.com

Please join us for Fellowship and Refreshments in Westminster Hall.

Liturgists.....	The Congregation of First Presbyterian Church
Pastor.....	Rev. John F. Koerner
Worship Leader.....	Ginger Delawder
Minister of Music.....	Jeanne Harris
Organist.....	Dr. Mary Kay Devono
Acolytes.....	Bradley Burnett and Anderson Mitchell
Parish Associate.....	Rev. Charla Waters Koerner
Parish Associate.....	Rev. James A. Harris

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CHURCH NEWS *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 8, 2019

SERVING YOU THIS MORNING

USHERS: Lance Kuhens, Hank Lawrence, Andrea Myerburg

GREETER: Andrea Myerburg

The flowers on the reredos are given in loving memory of
Michael Ann Gainer, who truly loved the church and its members.

12-28-1943 – 12-1-2017

From her family, Hugh, Scott, Tawnie, Micah, and Mattie,
whom she loved so much

NURTURING FAITH – ADVENT

December 8: Your church sanctuary probably looks different during December. Look around at some of the decorations and symbols that have been added. Some churches bring in more candles during Advent to symbolize that Jesus is the light. What are other symbols that you see in your sanctuary that help you and your congregation prepare for Jesus' birth?

- We have openings for the reredos flowers for January 12th, 19th, and 26th. If you would like to order and dedicate them in memory or in honor of someone, please contact the church office.
- The "Giving Tree" is outside the sanctuary. So please bring warm hats, gloves, scarves, and socks for all ages to fill the tree. All of your warmth will go to the Mustard Seed for distribution.
- The annual Christmas Cantata will be on Sunday, December 22nd. If you are interested in being a part of this exciting event, please contact Jeanne Harris.
- Offering envelopes are available on the table in Westminster Hall. Please take a booklet and write your name on the paper beside the book number that you are taking.
- Please let us know if anyone needs to be added or removed from the Special Concerns / Prayer List. The prayer chain operates every day. Just let Pastor John or Harriett Northey know if there is a concern.
- Forms for the Community Christmas Dinner are at the back of the sanctuary, or you can call the church office with your request.
- New Officers Training will be this Saturday, December 14th from 9 to 11:30 a.m.



FOR CHURCHES IN OUR PRESBYTERY

Riverlawn Presbyterian Church, St. Albans
Village Chapel Presbyterian Church, Charleston
The Staff of the Presbytery of West Virginia

SPECIAL CARE FACILITIES:

Roberta Davis; Amy Garrett; Sara Graham; Doug Maatman;
Richard Riddle

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FAMILIES: ALLMAN, David and Peggy; ALVARO, Angelo and Beckie; COLEMAN, Bonita; LAWRENCE, Hank and Kathy; LAWRENCE, Parker; LAWRENCE, Kathryn; NICKERSON, Gary, Karen, Brad, Morgan; NORTHEY, Wayne and Harriett; NORTHEY, Jeff, Melissa, William, Graham; NORTHEY, Phil, Camie, Brayden, Abigail

FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL CONCERNS:

ADKINS, Charles	ARNOLD, Sarah	COX, Eddie
COX, Jeremy F	CUNNINGHAM, Debbie	FOWLER, Angie
GRIFFIN, Carol Lee	GUMP, Yvonne	HARDMAN, Derek
HARDMAN, Bob & Janice	HOLT, Jack	HOOD, Robbie
KUHENS, Eric	LINTON, Doug	McCLEAN, Nora
McQUAID, Jim	MICHOME, John	MICK, Jillian
NARDONE, Nickolas	OLDAKER, Kenneth	OLDAKER, Wilma
ORR, Susan (Carole's Sister)		PACK, Amy
ROGERS, Joey	SAUNDERS, Susie	SHIFFRA, Everett
SIMMONS, Melanie	SMITH, Bonnie	SMITH, Chuck
SMITH, Donna	TYSON, Karen	WAMSLEY, John
WETZEL, Jennifer		

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 8th

Budget Committee Meeting after church

Monday, December 9th

Prayer Group 10:00

Tuesday, December 10th

Deacon Meeting 4:30

Session Meeting 5:30

Wednesday, December 11th

Bible Study 6:30 "We Make the Road by Walking", Chapter 15

Friday, December 12th

AA Group 12:00