
First Presbyterian Church

Clarksburg, West Virginia

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Rev. John F. Koerner

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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 "Come, Ye Thankful People Come" Arr by Balcombe

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

Visitors, please fill out the visitor card and drop it in a collection plate.

Introit Give thanks Choir, Jeanne Harris

Call to Worship

Appears in: Please Come for a Visit!

Something stirs deep within us ...

A longing, a hope,

A thirst for joy,

A hunger for peace,

A yearning for blessing.

We know deep within

That our hopes and fears

Will be met by angel songs and baby sighs.

It is Advent ...

Season of waiting, hoping, yearning.

Advent ...

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Lighting of Advent Wreath

The Burnett 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 when 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 #9

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Veni Emmanuel

* 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 -Jan Brooks, Cottonwood Falls Presbyterian Church

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 we question how you chose to enter the world, born as one of us. Forgive our lack of faith and belief in ways which seem so impossible to believe. Help us to look in faith, open our belief, 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

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Congregational Response - “Gloria Patri” #579

Minute for Mission - Amy Strange

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Hymn “Jesus Loves Me” (verse 1)

Children of the Church and placing of Nativity figures

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

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 24:36-44

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Affirmation: 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.*

Sermon

“Stay Awake!”

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Piano Interlude

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

Blue Hymnal, p.14

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 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.

* 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

Offertory "We Gather Together" Bells

*The Doxology
* Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn History Hannah Burnet
*Hymn #40 "Joy to the World!" Antioch

*Benediction Choir
*Choral Response

* Organ Postlude Classical Postlude Arr by Chesterton

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..... Jeff Mitchell
Minister of Music.....Jeanne Harris
Organist..... Mary Kay Devono
Children Moments.....Terra Burnett

Parish Associate.....Rev. Charla Waters Koerner
Parish AssociateRev. James A. Harris

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Church News & Announcements

Deacon Greeter - Loria Cavallo
Ushers & Greeters - David Allman, Denver Atkinson, Lance Kuhns

Choir practice @ 9:30 am
Adult Sunday School @ 9:30 am

Tuesday, Nov 29th - Prayer Group 10 am
Zoom & In Person

Wednesday, Nov 30th - Bible Study 3:00 pm

Zoom & In person

Thursday, Dec 1st - Laundry

Friday, Dec 2nd

AA Meeting at noon

Sunday, Dec 4th

Budget Meeting after church

Special Care Facilities:

Amy Garrett, Peggy Clark, Mark Freeman, Gary Mitchell, Doris Holt

Please Pray for: Mr. & Mrs. Dale Baker, Morgan Elizabeth Malcomb, Brandy Dunbar, Josh White, Jimmy & Audrey Muse, Jennifer Smith, Judy McQuaid



Birthdays this week:

Dec 2nd, Kathy Langley, Lynn Sherlock,

Dec 3rd, Bill Davisson

Dec 4th, Eric Leuliette, Rev Bruce Macbeth

Flowers- I have openings for flowers for the reredos for all of December!

UPCOMING EVENTS



December 2nd - The deacons will be providing cookie trays to the Clarksburg Police and Fire Departments at 3:00 pm prior to the Christmas Parade.

The church will be providing hot chocolate and handing out toys to the children during the parade at the hot chocolate table at 5:00 pm.

Parade starts at 6:00 pm.

December 18th - Christmas service at 10:45 am, the children and youth will lead the service, special music by the bell choir and soloists and groups. Following the worship service, we'll have good things to eat and crafts to make as we enjoy the season together.

December 24th - Christmas Eve Service will be at 12:30 in the afternoon.

Communion will be served.

December 25th - Christmas Day Service will be at 10:45 am.