

**First Presbyterian Church  
Chippewa Falls, WI  
Worship Service  
November 27, 2022 – 10:15 AM  
Advent 1**

**PRELUDE:**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**CANDLE LIGHTING:**

One: Today we light the first Advent candle remembering how God spoke through the prophets the promise of one who would come to deliver all people from sin and darkness. We are all on this Advent journey together. Travel with us, God, during this time of waiting.

**All: Awaken our hearts to your hope.**

One: We light a new candle each Sunday in Advent, reminding us that you, God, are the light along our paths leading us to a more just world.

**All: Awaken our hearts to your hope.**

One: Holy One, as we wait, help us to stay awake and present to your love. Help us unlearn ways of harm, and practice ways of kindness.

**All: Awaken our hearts to your hope.**

One: Today we once again claim that promise in our lives, and look forward to the coming of our Deliverer in this holy season.

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Psalm 33

One: Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him.

**All: On those who hope in His steadfast love.**

One: To deliver their souls from death.

**All: And keep them alive in famine.**

**HYMN**

**“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”**

**No. 2**

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION, PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

One: O shepherd of Israel, you open our lips; our mouths give you praise. You shepherd your flock, gathering us from our wanderings, assembling us in Christ’s name to learn of your will. The prophets attest to your promise that we shall not be forsaken. Be present with us and guide us toward the truth in Christ’s name.

**All: Almighty God, we have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We fail to call on your name; we don’t act to take hold of your plan for us. Yet you are our God. We are the clay, and you are the potter. May all we do be the work of your hands.**

One: God is faithful, by whom you were called into fellowship with God’s Son, Jesus the Christ. By God’s grace you will be sustained to the end, and through Christ’s mercy you will be found guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus the Christ. You are forgiven. All praise and glory we give to God.

**\*SONG RESPONSE**

**“Gloria Patri”**

**No. 579**

**PASSING THE PEACE:**

**One:** Peace be with you

**All:** And also with you

( There will be no individual expressions of Passing the Peace .)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

...Our Father, who art in Heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. AMEN

**HYMN OF PREPARATION:**

**“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”**

**No. 5 vs 1-2**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:**

**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

**GOSPEL:**

**Luke 2:8-18**

In that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger.

When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

**SERMON:**

**“Hope”**

**Gene Peissig**

**CLOSING HYMN:**

**“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”**

**No. 8**

**CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:**

**POSTLUDE:**