

Service for the Lord's Day

November 27, 2022

10:30 a.m.



First Presbyterian Church

Asheboro, North Carolina

Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

The Gathering of God's People

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*Light one candle for hope,
One bright candle for hope.
He brings hope to ev'ry heart.
He comes. He comes.*

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Perkins Family

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

O Come, All Ye Faithful

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Advent hope: We assume that all the darkness of this world; all the division, despair and fear, is just the way things are and the way things will be. In our cynical gloom, we forget. We forget the promises of your coming kingdom where life is set right. We forget that you love us and command us to love one another. We forget your Son has already arrived in our world and hearts with salvation hope. We ask that you will shine your light into our hearts, O God. Reveal the brokenness that needs healing and the sin that needs confessing. Remind us again where we are to place our hopes: Your light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it!

SILENT CONFESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy.

P: **Hear our prayer.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE OF PRAISE #88

O Come O Come Emmanuel (verse 1)

*1 O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.*

Refrain:
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

Keep Your Lamps

Andre Thomas

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.

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Colossians 1: 11-14

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 2: 1-5

L: The word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Advent Hope”

The Reverend Brian K. Rummage

Responding to the Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Psalm 71: 1-6

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me. Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel. For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth. From my birth I have leaned upon you, my protector since my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

Being Sent Into the World

HYMN #82

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

We welcome you to worship this morning. If you are visiting with us, we hope you find our congregation to be a place of welcome and spiritual nurture. Please take a Visitor Gift Bag with a devotional book and other gifts and information about FPC, as our way of thanking you for worshipping with us. Visitor Gift Bags can be found just outside the center Sanctuary door in the Narthex or in the Hospitality Center.

Children's Worship and Nursery Ministries: Our infant nursery is located in room #114 on our Children's Ministry hallway immediately behind the sanctuary. If you are unfamiliar with our facilities, an usher will happily guide you.

Worship is the heart of church life and it is important that our children feel welcomed and are strengthened for their own walk of faith. At the appropriate time in the service, children are invited to come to the front of the church for our children's message time with Pastor Brian. Afterwards children are dismissed to either return to sit with their parents or leave with our Children's Ministry Director Carla Lovell.

For those who choose to participate in in our children's worship experience, younger children (preschool-1st grade) will stay with Ms. Carla in Room 110. Older elementary age children (2nd-5th grade) will go to room 200. Our teachers will use this time to explore the different aspects of worship in a fun and engaging way.

Again, children are always welcome to stay for the entire "big church" service. As they grow and mature, we encourage them to be part of the full worshipping community.

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In consideration of others, please silence or turn off all cell phones and other electronic devices.

Protective face masks are available in the Narthex.

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