



## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



**WELCOME VISITORS:** *We are glad you are here today! Please take a moment to sign the visitor card in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate as it is passed late in the service. We hope you feel free to join us again in worship!*

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** - There will be a brief congregational meeting before service this morning at 10:20 a.m. to elect officers for 2028. Members please be present to attend business.

**NOTICE:** Beginning next Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, we will move our 9:15 a.m. early morning fellowship to Brock Hall. Fellowship is for any and all! Light refreshments will be provided. Bring your own breakfast beverage! Please see Anne Winn for more information or to volunteer to assist.

**MEN'S GROUP** – The Men's group meets at 8 a.m. on Monday morning upstairs at Brock Hall.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** - Women's Fellowship and Bible Study is in the early formation stage, with plans to usher in the spirit in the new year. Please see Anne Winn to express interest and for more information.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

- **MEMORIAL** – We will have a brief memorial in memory of our beloved member, Joan Fulton, who passed this year.
- **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** – Everyone is invited to our catered luncheon after service upstairs in Brock Hall. Please RSVP to Betsey Adams or Mary Kate Beard, or email the office by Monday, December 8.

**STATED SESSION MEETING** – Session will meet at the home of Betsey Adams after service Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> for lunch and a brief meeting.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE** – We will have a Candlelight service and communion on Christmas Eve night, Wednesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>. We will accept a “Joy offering” for the Presbyterian home at that time.

**CHURCH DONATION** – You can now make a PayPal donation to the church by scanning the QR code below.



**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Billy Griffith, Alex Marovich, Sarah Martin, Billy Rollings



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, NOV 30, 2025

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30 A.M.

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*The Adams Family*

*(The children are invited to come forward and sit in front of the Advent Wreath)*

#### READING

#### SCRIPTURE:

Isaiah 9:2-7

#### PRAYER

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We know Christ has come. But we know also that there is a future tense to his advent.

P: **We know what joy his first advent brought to the world. But we give little thought to his return.**

L: Jesus said to stay awake. That is, live in readiness for his return, because we do not know when it will be.

P: **May our lives witness to hearts which are open and ready for him at any time!**

### \*OPENING HYMN

“Silent Night”

No. 147

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**For generations, Father, Christians have talked about Jesus’ return. And the repetitious call to readiness has made us indifferent to being prepared. Forgive us for the absence of expectancy in our hearts, and uncommitted discipleship in our living. We simply are not ready for such a glorious event. Stir us with great expectations, that we may live as Christians prepared for our Lord to come. In his name we pray. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, Jesuse came into the world to save sinners. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Aleluia. Amen.**”

### \*GLORIA PATRI

No. 623

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### SONG

“Miracle Child” (Brandon Lake)

*FPC Praise Band*

# THE MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 24:36-44

pg. 1539

SERMON

“Awakenings”

*Elder Moore*

## RESPONSE

SONG

“You Know My Name” (Tash Cobbs Leonard)

*FPC Praise Band*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SONG OF SENDING

“My Lighthouse” (Rend Collective)

*FPC Praise Band*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**You go nowhere by accident. Wherever you go, God is sending you.  
Wherever you are, God has put you there. He has a purpose in your being there.  
Christ who dwells within you has something He wants to do through you where  
you are.  
Believe this and go in His love to “glorify God, make disciples of Jesus Christ, and  
meet human need”.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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**\*Those who are able may stand**