



First Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016

SHARE the amazing love of God	REFLECT the light of Jesus Christ	LIVE and serve joyfully in the Spirit's power
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Coming Events

Sunday, November 27
First Sunday of Advent
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, "Do You See What I See?"
12:00 Sanctuary decoration

Wednesday, November 30
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, December 4
Second Sunday of Advent
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, "John's Encore"

Tuesday, December 6
10:30 Ladies' circle

Wednesday, December 7
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, December 11
Third Sunday of Advent
Cantata "Appalachian Winter"
9:00 Breakfast fellowship
9:20 Children's music
9:30 Sunday school
10:30 Worship, "What Mary Saw"

Wednesday, December 14
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Reminder: During worship, please enter through the Court Street sanctuary doors. All other doors will be locked.



***Please rise in body and spirit.**

Made One by Christ

Welcome

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Arr. Held

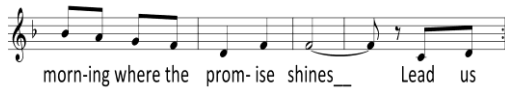
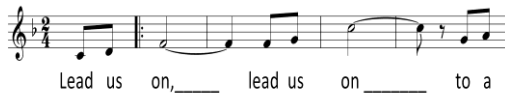
* Choral Call to Worship

"Where the Promise Shines" Joel Raney
A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

First Sunday – *The Promise of Hope*

Readers and Advent candle lighters –
Jerry Freeman and Todd Taylor

Refrain – Congregation and Choir



Responsive Litany

Advent is a time for God's people to reawaken their longings.

We wait in hope for the Lord.

We long for every hurt to be healed.

We wait in hope for the Lord.

We long for every tear to be dried.

We wait in hope for the Lord.

We long for every injustice to be made right.

We wait in hope for the Lord.

We celebrate God's promises and long for those yet to unfold.

We wait in hope for the Lord.

Candle Lighting and Reading

Refrain – Congregation and Choir

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #336 "We Gather Together"

Clothed by Christ

Moment of Silence

Corporate Prayer of Confession

A voice is crying out in the wilderness: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Holy God, we confess that we do not walk in Your light. We hurt and destroy one another and neglect the poor and hungry. We let evil grow among us and fail to bear good fruit. Forgive us, God of grace. Awaken us to Your Word, so that we may be ready to welcome You with joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The wilderness will rejoice; the dry land will blossom. The people of God will return with joy and singing. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Sharing of Christ's Peace

***Song of Praise, "We Are Singing"**

We are singing for the Lord is our Light; we are singing for the Lord is our Light. (Repeat once)

We are singing, singing; we are singing, Oh, we are singing for the Lord is our Light. (Repeat once)

Repeat the above substituting the word praying for singing.

Sharing God's Blessings and Compassion

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Musical Offering "O God Beyond All Praising" Gustav Holst
Setting by Perloux

***Doxology Hymn #606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

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.

Hearing God's Word of Hope and Power

Time with the Children

*** Hymn #744 "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"**

Prayer of Illumination

The Vision of the Congregation: We see ourselves as the embracing arms of Jesus Christ for each other, for the community, and for the world.

Welcome to our friends and visitors!

We hope that you find our congregation a welcoming one.

Your presence enriches our worship of God

Please join us after worship for refreshments and fellowship in our courtyard lobby.

Memorial donations:

Barbara Bond - IMO Harold Yingling, Robert & Judy Powell – IMO Robert Westbrook & Harold Yingling, Sylvia Stephenson – IMO Harold Yingling

The flowers in the sanctuary today, given by Agnes McFadden, are in memory of Pop's birthday.

The Worship Committee wishes to thank all the volunteers who helped spruce up the sanctuary on Saturday, 11/19.

EDMARC holiday dinner food baskets: The Presbyterian Women are asking for your help in filling a basket this year for a family of 4 to 6. Please sign up to bring staples, fresh vegetables, or a turkey/ham. The sign-up sheet is located in the courtyard foyer. All food items are due on 12/11. Please see Alice Butler for more information.

Prayer List: Ronald Curry (Grace Yingling's son), Karen Diggs, Jackie and Tyler Forsythe, Stephanie Green, Linda Harrell (friend of Alice Butler), Mary Alice Jarman (friend of Bob and Judy Powell), Christy Mattern, Carl Rhodes, the Winkler and Powell families, Dorothy Wooldridge (friend of Carl Rhodes)

Everyone suffering with cancer and facing surgery

To the church triumphant

Harold Yingling

Our friends at home, especially: Margaret Glynn, Lanier Halterman, Frances Hardy, AT & Nancy Mayo, Ann Michaluk, Sue Parker, Lane Pittman, Harvey Spiers, Patrice & Phil Winkler, Joyce Wright, Grace Yingling

Leading in worship today

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier

Edna Broadhurst, Director of Music Ministries

Ushers: Mallory Smith, Mike Smith

Counters: David Culpepper, Norma Halterman

