

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM

\*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Chris Williams

**PRELUDE**

*Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel*

Arr. Dan Coates

**WELCOME**

**JOIN IN THE WAITING~ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

Leader: We come together in a time of waiting.

**People: We are called to wait in peace and anticipation.**

Leader: We await the one who comes to bring Peace to the World.

**People: We come waiting for the One who carries our burdens and eases our anxieties.**

Leader: Come now; and wait.

**People: We wait, for the coming of Messiah.**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHT HYMN #85** *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*

*Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.  
He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.*

**PASSING the PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*HYMN #360

*Christ Is Coming!*

Unser Herrscher

**CALL TO CONFESSION (One)**

One: 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.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

O promised Christ: We are a world at war. Our peace depends on your coming. We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on your coming. We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises; our only hope of doing God's will is that you should come and help us do it. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace. Even so: come, Lord Jesus.

**CHORAL KYRIE RESPONSE**

*Come, Come Emmanuel*

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively)**

One: As we hear the ancient prophecies of the coming of the Messiah, we long for the day when death will be swallowed up and every tear will be wiped away. As we wait expectantly for Christ's promised return, we live in the assurance of God's gracious forgiveness. Believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN "Angels We Have Heard on High" (#113)**

*Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**MOMENT FOR EDUCATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

**ANTHEM**

*The Angel Gabriel*

Basque Carol, Arr. Richard Shephard

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Matthew 24:36-44**

**SERMON**

*"Learning Peace"*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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 the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; the life everlasting. Amen.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and Lord's Prayer ("debts")**

**OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS**

**Offertory**

*Meditation*

Alan Bullard

\*Doxology (Unison) Hymn #606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #88

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (vs. 1-4)

Veni Emmanuel

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits*

\*POSTLUDE *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* Michael Praetorius, Arr. Mark Hayes

**USHERS:** Terri McNamara and Prudence Adibah.

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, Ken Oman, Joyce Kepke's granddaughter, Lauren Kepke; Mike Carver, Jan McLaughlin, Ann Titus, the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.

## This is a MORE LIGHT Presbyterian Church!

A "More Light" Presbyterian church welcomes lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons to full participation in the life, ministry, and witness of the congregation. We work to expand the inclusiveness of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

*There are no closed doors here.*  
**Christ Welcomes All Here!**

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**We Meet on December 7<sup>th</sup>** will be a special celebration of the Sanctuary as we will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the windows! Heather will give us a guided tour of the organ, we will discuss the windows, and we will bake special stained-glass cookies to celebrate!

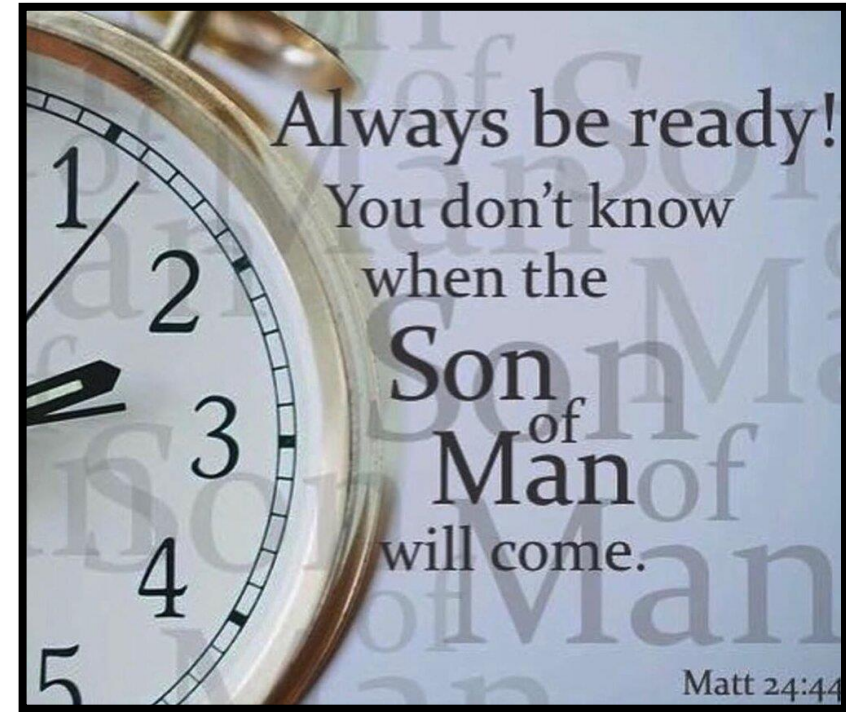
**SAVE THE DATE!** Please join us for the **Congregational Christmas party on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.** All you need to bring is yourselves we will provide a Turkey dinner, games, and prizes! See Amanda for more information or to sign up to help make this event special.



**Blue Christmas Service.** We will again be having a Blue Christmas service this year. The service will be on **December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm.**

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## ***Christ Is Coming!***

1. Christ is coming! Let creation from its groans and labor cease; let the glorious proclamation hope restore and faith increase: Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, O blessed Prince of peace.
2. Earth can now but tell the story of your bitter cross and pain; we shall yet behold your glory, Lord, when you return to reign: Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Let each heart repeat the strain.
3. With that blessed hope before us, flutes are tuned and harps are strung; let the mighty advent chorus onward roll from tongue to tongue: Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Let each heart repeat the song.
4. Long your exiles have been pining for your promised rest and home, but in heavenly glory shining, soon the risen Christ shall come. Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Joyful, shout the victory psalm.

### ***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*** (vs. 1-4)

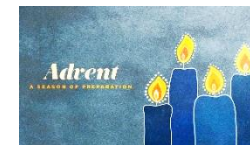
1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily: to us the path of knowledge show; and teach us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
3. O Come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
4. O come, thou Root of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell thy people save and give them victory o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.



**Want to help with the Advent candle lighting?** Amanda still needs 2 more helper sets one for December 18 and one for Christmas Eve! Sets can be a family, a group of friends, or any combination of people you desire!

## **Week of Nov. 27 thru Dec. 4**

- SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. **Worship**  
11:15 a.m. **Fellowship and Refreshments in FH**  
4:00 p.m. Girl Scouts in Green Lounge  
6:30 p.m. **Youth Group**  
7:00 p.m. Meditation Group in the FH
- MONDAY**  
5:30 p.m. **Bible Study via Zoom**  
7:00 p.m. **SALT Bible Study** (4<sup>th</sup> flr. Bowen-Thompson Student Union)  
Tammy is on vacation today
- TUESDAY**  
1:00 p.m. **Book Group in the Green Lounge**  
5:30 p.m. La Conexion Classes (Nursery, Youth Lounge, Drama Room)  
7:00 p.m. **Membership Committee Mtg.**  
8:00 p.m. A.A. in the Green Lounge
- WEDNESDAY** 9:00 a.m. **Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop**  
12:00 p.m. **BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS.**  
5:30 p.m. **We Meet Dinner & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall**  
6:00 p.m. La Conexion in the Green Lounge
- THURSDAY** 9:30 a.m. **Deacons' Shop is open to the public**  
10:00 a.m. **Staff Mtg in Pastor's office – office is closed at this time**  
5:30 p.m. La Conexion Classes (Nursery, Youth Lounge, Drama Room)  
6:00 p.m. **Bell Choir rehearsal**  
7:00 p.m. **Choir Rehearsal**  
8:00 p.m. Meditation Group in the Green Lounge
- FRIDAY** 5:30 p.m. **First Friday at Basil Restaurant in Levis Commons**
- SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. **Worship**



**Advent Preparation** – Advent preparation activity! Join Amanda after worship today for some "light" snacks, crafts, and conversation to discuss Advent, why we do it, and prepare for the nightly devotionals. All ages invited!

**Advent ~ A Study in Lights** – We will be doing a nightly devotional all throughout Advent. The nightly devotionals will be live streamed through our Facebook page. If you do not have Facebook go to this site: <https://fb.me/e/2YTbPkCiY> to be taken to the live streams each night. The study we will be using is called "A Study in Lights" written by our FYMS Amanda Ark. If you would like to participate you can pick up a physical copy in the Narthex or download a copy from our Facebook page or website.



**Zoom Bible Lectionary Study is Mondays at 5:30 p.m.** The Zoom link is sent out every week by Pastor Jeff and if you are interested in joining, please let Pastor Jeff know by emailing him at [fpcbjeff@gmail.com](mailto:fpcbjeff@gmail.com). **This next week sermon is, “Viral Hope”** and is based on scripture from **Isaiah 11:1-10 and Romans 15:4-13**. *It probably stretches credulity to claim that Isaiah prophesied viral web videos, but the images he presents – a bay cow and baby bear hanging out together, for example – are definitely the sort of thing that breaks the web every time such video can be captured. This insight besides serving as proof that your pastor’s brain has been thoroughly saturated by the internet, is also a reminder that the sort of deep hopes we all harbor are hopes that will spread far and wide – in short, “viral hope.” This week, we name the hopes we are waiting for.*

**WE MEET – A Wednesday time of community and learning** 😊. **We Meet starts at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays**, don’t worry! We are meeting until 7:30 p.m. and will gladly save food until you arrive! This is a casual learning space where you can feel free to come and go as you need. Join us for food and discussion led by the Mission team.



**The next 1st Friday** is scheduled for **5:30 pm on Friday, December 2** at: **Basil Restaurant**, 3145 Holister Ln. in Levis Commons Perrysburg. Basil is an enjoyable venue and their varied menu can be viewed at: [basilpizzaandwinebar.com](http://basilpizzaandwinebar.com). Please have your reservation to Joan Callecod ([jtdude62@yahoo.com](mailto:jtdude62@yahoo.com) or 419/352-9453) by Sunday, November 27.



The **Deacons Christmas Breakfast** is scheduled for **December 10th at the Senior Center** at 9 a.m. This year the Deacons have decided to give out 50 - \$100/Aldi gift cards per family and \$40/Walmart gift card for children.

This church has a rich tradition of helping those who are having a hard time around the Christmas season and this year is no different. With costs of everything rising higher than they have been in many years, the dollar just doesn’t seem to stretch the way it use too.

The Deacons are asking the congregation to consider donating to help cut the costs of the breakfast supplies, and costs for the gift cards. **If you would like to write a check, please make it payable to First Presbyterian Church and on the memo line write, “Deacons’ Xmas”.**



**Just a “heads-up” that the “Mitten Tree” is in the Narthex.** This year we would like it decorated with gloves, hats, scarves, and we are adding socks. The tree will remain up until the end of the year. Then they will be given to the Deacons’ Shop to distribute to those who need them. We want to see the tree covered in wonderful decorations of much-needed supplies.



**Presbyterian Women are pleased to offer 18 red poinsettias for sale from Bench’s Greenhouse** to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas and to commemorate and honor the memory of loved ones. The price is \$13.00 per plant. **Checks should be made payable to Presbyterian Women with the word “poinsettia” on the memo line.**

Money may be placed in the church offering plate or mailed to the church office. Due to a poinsettia shortage, **the deadline to request and turn in money is Wednesday, December 14 or until the poinsettias are sold out.** Families who purchase flowers may pick them up after the service on December 24<sup>th</sup> or after church December 25<sup>th</sup>.

*Please fill out your poinsettia order with the following information:*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory or Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Number of poinsettia plants ordered \_\_\_\_\_