

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

December 1, 2024                      1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent                      10:00 a.m.

\*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

**LITURGIST: Libby Allen-Dachik**

**PRELUDE**                      **Thanksgiving**                      Jane Marshall, arr. Douglas Wagner

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Leader:      Watch and wait for Christ's coming!    Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God.

**The Reading and the Lighting of The Candle**

**Prayer of Hope**

**Hymn #89, Vs. 1**                      *For You, O Lord My Soul in Stillness Waits*

*Response: For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits; truly my hope is in you.  
O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory, your radiance shines  
in all who look to you; come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow.  
For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits; truly my hope is in you.*

**PASSING OF THE HOPE**

**\*HYMN #94**                      *"Now the Heavens Start to Whisper"*                      Jefferson

**CALL TO CONFESSION** (liturgist)

We have been created by God the Father and re-created through God the Son, Jesus of Nazareth, our Messiah. Who we are is bound up in whose we are. Yet too often we fail to live up to our created and re-created purposes. Thus, we make our confessions to our Creator, trusting in the forgiveness won for us by our Savior. Let us pray.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**KYRIE**                      *Dona Nobis Pacem*

**DECLARATION OF PARDON** (liturgist)

Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior, Jesus Christ, came among us in great humility, will sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. Believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**    **Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises (Refrain only x2)**  
**Hymnal #538**

*"Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness. Hallelujah!  
We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness."*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**MOMENT FOR EDUCATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**John 1:1-14**

**ANTHEM**                      *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*                      Paul Manz, arr. T.A.Ohnesorge  
*Karli Christ conducting today*

**SERMON**                      *"Created... and Re-Created"*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)                      *The Apostles' Creed*

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**

**OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS**

Offertory      *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*    Veni Emmanuel

\*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 #105                      *People, Look East*                      Besançon

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE                      *Jesus Is Coming*

Hal H. Hopson

\*POSTLUDE                      *Postlude on "Gabriel's Message"*

David Lasky



Venmo

**PRAYERS:** All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, Pat Cochrane, Miranda Douglas, Kat Nic, Scarlet Gensler-Nic, Lyn Long, Marcy St. John, Linda Myers, Ken Oman, David & Minday Shaner, Scott Muellich (relatives of Scotty Huntington), Anna Beeker's parents, Jenny Breyer (niece of Mary Clarke), Mahmoud & family, 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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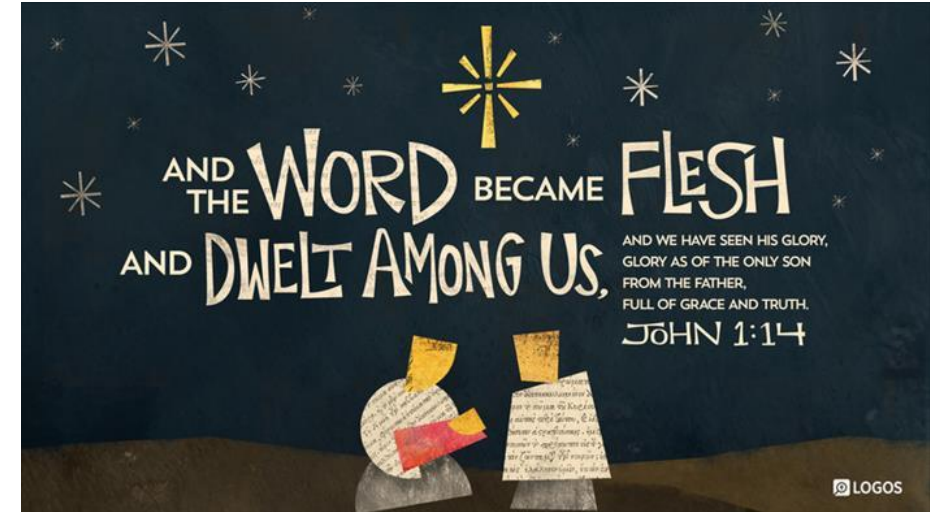
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### ***Now the Heavens Start to Whisper***

1. Now the heavens start to whisper, as the veil is growing thin. Earth from slumber wakes to listen to the stirring, faint within: seed of promise, deeply planted, child to spring from Jesse's stem! Like the soil beneath the frostline, hearts grow soft to welcome him.
2. Heavy clouds that block the moonlight now begin to drift away. Diamond brilliance through the darkness shines the hope of coming day. Christ the morning star of splendor, gleams within a world grown dim. Heaven's ember fans to fullness; hearts grow warm to welcome him.
3. Christ, eternal Sun of justice, Christ, the rose of wisdom's seed, come to bless with fire and fragrance hours of yearning, hurt, and need. In the lonely, in the stranger, in the outcast, hid from view: child who comes to grace to manger, teach our hearts to welcome you.

### ***People, Look East***

1. People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able; trim the hearth and set the table. People look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way.
2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there. Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish. People look east and sing today: Love, the Rose, is on the way.
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled. Even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen. People look east and sing today: Love the Bird, is on the way.
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brin, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together. Love the Star, is on the way.
5. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People look east and sing today: Love is on the way.

### **Week of Dec 1 thru Dec 8**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Refreshments &amp; Fellowship in FH</b>
	4:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Green Lounge)
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation/Recovery Group (Green Lounge)
<b>MONDAY</b>		<b>OFFICE IS CLOSED</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Book Group (Green Lounge)</b>
	5:30 p.m.	La Conexion ESL classes
	8:00 p.m.	A.A. (FH)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>We Meet food and fellowship</b>
		<b>Discussion will be led by Amanda on Advent</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Deacons' Shop is open to the public</b>
		<b>Staff meeting in Pastor Jeff's office</b>
	5:30 p.m.	La Conexion ESL classes
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Bell rehearsal</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Choir rehearsal</b>
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation Group (FH)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>First Friday at Luckey Junction</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>



### **WeMeet December 4**

Our final WeMeet of the year will be **December 4th**. As we begin our Advent season join Amanda for a deep discussion on Advent, why we do it, as well as learning about Advent traditions like the Crismon Tree,

Calendars, and waiting.



**Our next First Friday is on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>** and will be held at **Luckey Junction, 242 Main St in Luckey at 6 pm**. Anybody is invited join us but **reservations are due Wednesday, the 4th**. Contact Pastor Jeff at [fpcbjeff@gmail.com](mailto:fpcbjeff@gmail.com) or text him at 330/931-9165.





**Join the Deacons for a wonderful event that will fill your heart with the grace of the holiday season.**

The event is set for **December 14<sup>th</sup>**! Please join the Deacons and our volunteers for a delicious pancake breakfast. The event will be held at the W. C. Senior Center on Grove St. from 9:30 to 11:30.

Through your generous donations, we will be supporting 53 families and individuals with \$100 Aldi gift cards for each family and \$30 Walmart gift cards for each child. There is still time to donate to the event. If writing a check, please make it payable to First Presbyterian Church and on the memo, line write "Deacons' Xmas." Donations can also be made through Venmo and PayPal.

**DEACONS**

*Following to Lead | Leading to Serve*

**Helping Hands is an ecumenical project supporting the BG community with food and hygiene items on the second Friday of the month.**

Our church supports the program with donations of hygiene products, and pet food. For December, we are in need of **laundry detergent, dryer sheets, dish soap, reusable cloths and sponges, paper towels, toilet paper, baby diapers (sizes 2-6), wet wipes, tissues, shampoo and cream rinse, body wash, toothbrushes and cat/dog food.** Your donations are greatly appreciated and will be picked up from the bin located in the church lobby on Sunday, December 8th for the next distribution date of Friday, December 13th.



**Our Advent Study for 2024 will begin December 1st.** The live stream will be each night on our Facebook page at 8pm. You can **join us live at 8pm** or watch according to your schedule later! The interactive portion of the study this year is a set of advent ornaments that will be made and hung each day. The Advent Study booklets will be available in the church office or Fellowship Hall. You can also pick up the bag of ornaments and a mini-tree to be a designated Advent Tree if you so desire. Please see Amanda if you have any questions about the study.

**Congregational Christmas Party** - Join us on **December 11th at 6:00pm** for the congregational Christmas party! Turkey, Ham, Rolls, Green Bean Casserole, and Mash Potatoes will be provided. **We ask you to bring a dish to share if you can! Last Names A-L it is suggested to bring a Dessert and Last Names M-Z it is suggested to bring a Side Dish.**

**Advent Wreath** - We will start *Advent on December 1<sup>st</sup>* and will be doing the Advent Wreath lighting. If your family group, or even a group of friends in the church would like to help with the Wreath lighting on any of the 4 Sundays of Advent or Christmas Eve, please let Amanda know.