

Morning Worship

November 27, 2016—The First Sunday of Advent

*Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor. *Please stand if able. It is our custom to sing, "Amen," after hymns.*

PRELUDE "Sleepers Wake, a Voice Is Calling" J. S. Bach
Mack Williams, Soloist

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE "Hope" Weller and Baughman Family

Leader: Today is the First Sunday of Advent, in which we recall the hope we have in Christ. God told Abraham that through him all the nations of the world would be blessed, because he trusted and put his hope in God. The Old Testament spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the line of King David. He would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations. We too believe in God's promise to send Jesus again to this world to establish his kingdom upon the earth. [The Candle is Lit] Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ. Let us pray:

All: God of Abraham and Sarah and all the Patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate His birth, to make our hearts ready, and to place our hope in You. Help us today and every day to worship You, to hear Your word, and to do Your will by sharing Your hope with others. We ask it in the name of the One Who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Show me Your ways, LORD, teach me Your paths. Guide me in Your truth and teach me

People: *For You are God my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long.*

Leader: Remember, LORD, Your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

People: *Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to Your love remember me, for You, LORD, are good.*

Leader: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He instructs sinners in His ways.

People: *He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way.*

***HYMN OF WORSHIP 12** "People, Look East"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Remember, O LORD, Your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to Your love remember me, for You are good, O LORD. Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He instructs sinners in His ways. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way. All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of His covenant.. Hear our prayers as we continue our confession in silence.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Praise God for Last Sunday:	Saturday Feeding	150
	Sunday School Attendance	41
	Worship Attendance	Not Recorded
	Tithes & Offerings	\$8,787

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Leader: The stains of sin are impossible for us to remove,

People: *but Christ comes to wash us and make us as white as snow.*

Leader: The weight of our guilt crushes the human spirit.

People: *Christ comes to take that burden upon himself on the cross.*

Leader: Friends, what good news this is—in Christ we are forgiven!

People: *Thanks be to God! Amen.*

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS:

Offering in Music: "Lamb of God"

Paris/ Hayes
OLD HUNDREDTH

Doxology 591

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

Prayer of Dedication

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Erin Parris

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.

ANTHEM: "Bethlehem Wind" arr. Joseph Martin

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, may we hear your eternal word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

LESSON (page 701/738) Matthew 24:36-44

SERMON "In the Unexpected Hours" Rev. Thompson

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Hymnal Pg. 14) 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; and the life everlasting. Amen

***HYMN OF WORSHIP 3** "Comfort, Comfort You My People"

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel! Amen."

POSTLUDE "Fantasy on a French Carol" Cesar Franck

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We provide **nursery care** from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM and **Sunday School** for grades K-5 after Time for Young Disciples.

PASTORAL CONCERNS—Kevin Bailey, Anne Banks, Chuck Bolt, Pat Bolt, Alice & Randy Bradshaw, Beth Brown, Bill Brown, Claire Campbell, Nelson R. Clark, Ruby Crowell, Maude Dalton, Rev. Cecil Eanes, R. L. Clifton, Clarence Edmunds, Bill Erwin, Sarah Fisher (Sally Clark's Mother), Betty Fitzgerald, Anne Grier, Fred Gunn, Lois Hayes, Christina Hermetz (Kelsey Thompson's sister), Tim Hooker, Kathy Huggins, Kay Huggins (son-in-law of Thomas and Alice Saunders), Conner Jones, Jana Keen and family, Angela Langford, Ruth Lawton, Malcolm Mallery, Larry Mann, Carol Ingram McGee, Thelma Meadors, Carolyn Miles, Larry Miller, Alex Mitchell, A. B. Motley, Debbie Perrin Neal, Lee Norman, Greg Nunley, Ken Obye, Ella Ryan, Ethel Sakellaris, Alice Saunders, Lynn Saunders, Linda Terriberry, Nultie Wiseman.

ON THE MEND—(Praise & Gratitude for improved condition) Ann Banks, Kelvin Gunn, Paul Johnson, Grace Litzenberg, Thomas Peyton Mahaffey, Mary Ann Shelton, Russell Vandiver, Jean White

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Kent's mother, Neva E. Shelton, by Diane and Kent Shelton.

On Monday, Dec. 5 the **Evening Circle** will meet at 7 p.m. at the home of Sandra Strange, 285 W. Main Street. Please plan to attend.



The Angel Tree is up and Angels can be picked up in Dunglinson-Roberts Hall. Think of a child of an incarcerated parent as you shop this holiday season. Thank you.



Clothing Drive: The deacons will be giving away clothes at the Saturday Lunch Ministry on **Dec. 10th**. Please bring your used clothes donation to the church and leave them in the fellowship hall at the stage.



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Serving Today

Nursery/Sunday School	Harriet Beale
Children's Sunday School	Rebecca Atkinson, Chris Moore, Sara Weller, Jennifer Stowe
Elders at Front Door	Jay Hayes
Friendship Period	Kent Shelton, Marie-Louise Crane, Gary Wimer
Deacon to Receive Offering	David Parris
Officers to Count Offering	Beale/Meadema
Church School Superintendent	Gail Davis
Liturgist	Jay Hayes
Time for Young Disciples	Erin Parris
Sound System	Dick Stoakley
Flower Ministry	Evening Circle
Saturday Lunch Ministry Dec. 3	Ava Barrett, Hampton Wilkins

The Membership Committee is scheduling an outing on Dec. 4th to the **Virginia Christmas Spectacular at the Thomas Road Baptist Church** in Lynchburg at 2:00 p.m. Please contact John Parris (434.793.9239 johndparrissr@gmail.com) or Christy Edgar (434.792.7822 christy@fpcdanville.com) if you're interested in attending this event.



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN	
<p>MONDAY, November 28 9:00 a.m. Day School 9:15 a.m. Prayer Group 10 a.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Membership Committee</p> <p>TUESDAY, November 29 9:00 a.m. Day School 6:15 p.m. Handbells</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, November 30 9:00 a.m. Day School 12:15 p.m. Mid-Week Chapel Service 6:00 p.m. Youth</p>	<p>THURSDAY, December 1 9:00 a.m. Day School 5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p> <p>FRIDAY, December 2 All Day Church Office Closed</p> <p>SATURDAY, December 3 10:45 a.m. Lunch Min. Bible Study 11:15 p.m. Lunch Ministry</p> <p>SUNDAY, December 4 9:00 a.m. Worship Committee 9:45 a.m. Sunday School: Mid & High School, Rm 112 Outlook Class, Rm 322 Seekers, Rm 109 11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS</p>