

Morning Worship—December 3, 2017

1st 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 “Wachet Auf, ruft uns die Stimme” by J.S. Bach
INTROIT “Lo, How a Rose E’re Blooming” Mack Williams

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE “Hope” Helen Meadors and Sharon & Bob Whitt

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 Savior 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: God is our refuge and strength.

People: *God is a very present help in times of trouble.*

Leader: Be still and know that the Lord is God.

People: *We will not fear though the earth should change.*

Leader: The Lord of hosts is with us.

People: *We will joyfully raise our voices and lift our hearts to worship our Creator, Savior and Sustainer.*

***HYMN OF WORSHIP 2** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, You love us, but we have not loved You. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as You come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to You, and receive forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Hear our prayer as we continue in silence.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God did not send Christ into the world to condemn the World,

People: *but to be its Savior.*

Leader: We can trust God’s Word.

People: *We are a forgiven people. Thanks be to God!*

GLORIA PATRI (579) GREATOREX, 1851
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offering in Music “Gesu Bambino” arr. Victor Labenske
Doxology 591 OLD HUNDREDTH
*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 Joyce Perez
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 “Awaken and Prepare Us” arr. Mark Hayes

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord our God, Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive Your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to Your will and live always for Your glory, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

LESSON (419/439) Psalm 80
SERMON “Return to Us” Rev. Allen Thompson

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Hymnal Pg. 14)
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 48** “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

BENEDICTION
BENEDICTION RESPONSE 11, stanza 1 “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?”

POSTLUDE “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” arr. By Gilbert Martin

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— Chlodine Bittner (Jackson Weller’s grandmother), Mary Bray, Kathy Cropp, Marilyn East, Mrs. H. Harris (Kathleen Harris’ Mother), Tim Hooker, Maurice Katoen, Nancy Poindexter, Tom West, Samantha Williams

ON THE MEND— Dianne East, Nultie Wiseman

Installation and Ordination of new officers will be December 10th.

There will be a called session meeting December 10th at 10:50 in the chapel.

Evening Circle will meet Monday Dec. 4th at the home of Sandra Strange, 285 W. Main St. at 7:00 p.m.

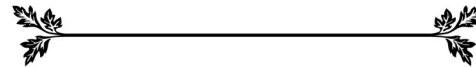


Our Wednesday Family Dinner for Dec. 6th at 6 p.m. will be pork roast, mac & cheese, veggie, salad and a delicious dessert. If you are attending please call the office today to sign up!! Price is \$6 per person/Children 10 & under free. Our program will be presented by Jay Hayes.



SERVING TODAY

Nursery/Sunday School	Leigh Blount & Marissa Meadors
Children’s Sunday School	Karan Johnson/Gwen Baucom
	Laura, Virginia, & Emma Jones
Elders at Front Door	G. Wimer
Friendship Period	B. Meadema/C.B. Strange
Deacon to Receive Offering	ML Crane
Officers to Count Offering	Beale/Meadema
Church School Superintendent	Gail Davis
Liturgist	Joyce Perez
Time for Young Disciples	Joyce Perez
Sound System	Dick Stoakley
Ushers	Team 1
Flower Ministry	Elders
Weekend Custodian	Ron Tanner
Childcare Specialists	Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler
Saturday Lunch Ministry Dec. 9	Westover/Reynolds



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**TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE
HIM KNOWN**

December 10, 2017



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

MONDAY, December 4

9:30 a.m. Prayer Group
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
12:30 p.m. PW Day Circle
7:00 p.m. PW Evening Circle

TUESDAY, December 5

5:15 p.m. Handbells
6:00 p.m. Deacons
7:00 p.m. Property

WEDNESDAY, December 6

6:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner

THURSDAY, December 7

5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, December 8

All Day Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, December 9

10:45 a.m. Lunch Min. Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Lunch Ministry

SUNDAY, December 10

9:00 a.m. Christmas Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Sunday School:
Mid & High School, Rm 112
Outlook Class, Rm 322
Bible Fellowship, Library
Seekers, Rm 109
10:50 a.m. Called Session, Chapel
11 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS