

Morning Worship—December 2, 2018

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.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Of the Father's Love Begotten" arr. Wilbur Held
INTROIT "Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us" Mack Williams, solo

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE "Hope" The Bolt family and The Newnam 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 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.

***HYMN OF PRAISE 2** "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great Deliverer, we entrust to you our confession of sin. We are easily discouraged when our good deeds do not make things better. We fear harm to ourselves if we take too firm a stand. Portents of danger arise about us, and we doubt the future you have promised. We close our eyes to the signs and live for the moment. God, in Christ, forgive our cowardice and blindness, for the sake of him who endured the cross for us.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The words of the psalmist remind us that the Lord is upright and good. God instructs sinners in the way of righteousness and leads the humble along paths of steadfast love. So, wait upon God all the day long, abide in the covenant, and rely on the truth.

People: God is our salvation and worthy of our trust.

***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.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Joyce Perez

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Creator of the stars, in the stillness of this moment we wait for your Living Word. We listen for the cadence of your voice. Break into our lives with your eternal light and teach us to walk in your paths of truth. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON (563/594) Jeremiah 33:14-16

ANTHEM "In the Bleak Midwinter" by Rosetti/Holst

GOSPEL LESSON (746/784) Luke 21:25-36

SERMON "Look Up. Your Redemption is Drawing Near" Dr. John McDonald

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (See Apostles' Creed in Aids to Worship pew insert)**

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

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (See pew insert)

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offering in Music "What Child Is This" arr. Mark Hayes
*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

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT 488** "The God of Abraham"

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE 554** Let All Things Now Living

POSTLUDE "Voluntary" by W. Hine

The rose that is placed in the sanctuary this morning is in praise and thanksgiving to God for the birth this week of Robert Henry Walden, son of Kimmy and Clif.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL CONCERNS— Amy Brace, Lisa Brown, Charles Cuttle, Lib Cuttle, Matthew Dolianitis, Dianne East, James Gill, James Gill, Jr., Dianne Hottenstein (S. Mathena), Martha Jo Hodges, Gail Jones, Beth Landfair (John’s mother), Bill Landfair (J. McDonald’s step father), Mary Ann Wiseman Lewis, Jane Marini (B. Fitzgerald’s daughter), Ellen McDonald (John’s wife), Lee Norman, Dana Overstreet (S. Mathena), Freeland Shipe (J. McDonald’s father-in-law), Ella Ryan, Sandra Strange, Jim Turner, Willem van der Griendt, (ML Crane’s father), Tom West

The concerns of those who wish to remain unnamed.

ON THE MEND— Joe Alexander, Chlodine Bittner (J. Weller’s grandmother), Ben Clark (Dave’s son), Mrs. Helen Harris (Kathleen Harris’ mother), Jay Hayes, Nultie Wiseman

Our Service Personnel (Dustin Heimstead) & First Responders.

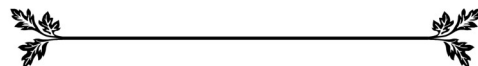
Pick up your copy of our Advent Devotional today. The devotional from Frontier Fellowship includes a devotional from our own sponsored missionary, Rev. Dr. Haemin Lee. Copies are available in the Dunglinson-Roberts room and the table at the Sutherlin entrance.

The Annual Church Christmas Breakfast will be Dec. 9th at 9 a.m. in Overbey Hall. Mark your calendar for your family to enjoy this Christmas tradition that began in the 1940’s. Everyone is welcome to a breakfast of ham or sausage biscuits, homemade breakfast casseroles, fruit, sweets, juices & coffee sponsored by the members of the Outlook Sunday School class. There is no charge. Come & begin your day of worship with this time of fellowship and joy!

SERVING TODAY

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| Nursery/Sunday School | L. Blount & M. Meadors |
| Children’s Sunday School | K. Johnson/G. Baucom |
| | C. Baker/K. Machado |
| Elders at Front Door | C. B. Strange |
| Security & Side Door | B. Newnam |
| Visitation | J. Nostrandt |
| Deacon to Receive Offering | K. Dolianitis |
| Officers to Count Offering | Beale/Meadema |
| Church School Superintendent | Gail Davis |
| Liturgist | Nancy Clayton |
| Time for Young Disciples | Joyce Perez |
| Sound System | D. Parris |
| Ushers | Team 1 |
| Flower Ministry | Elders |
| Asst. Custodian | Ron Tanner |
| Childcare Specialists | Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler |
| Saturday Lunch Ministry Dec. 8th | F. Baker/Westover |
| Saturday Lunch Attendance 11/24 | 33 |

The Church is invited to the Danville Symphony Christmas concert here at First Presbyterian Dec. 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. They will offer shuttle service from nearby parking lots. The concert is free. Please bring canned food for God’s Storehouse.



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TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

MONDAY, December 3

- 9:30 a.m. Prayer Group
- 12:30 p.m. Day Circle
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Circle @ P. Argyrakis
115 Fenton Place

TUESDAY, December 4

- 5:15 p.m. Handbells

WEDNESDAY, December 5

- 5:00 p.m. PNC Comm.
- 6:00 p.m. Youth
- 6:00 p.m. WNS

THURSDAY, December 6

- 5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, December 7

All Day Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, December 8

- 10:45 a.m. Lunch Min. Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch Ministry
- 7:30 p.m. Danville Symphony Concert

SUNDAY, December 9

- 9:00 a.m. Annual Christmas Breakfast
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School:
See below for Class information
- 11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS
- Noon Fellowship

Opportunities to Study the Word every Sunday Morning

Youth & Adult Sunday School 9:45 a.m.– 10:40 a.m.

Youth (middle & high school) Rm 112 /discussion type class studying scripture lesson used in Sunday’s sermon

Bible Seekers/Rm 109/ “Feasting on the Word” / discussion type class

Bible Study Fellowship/Library/ Ligonier Ministry’s “Tabletalk Magazine” / discussion type class

Outlook/Rm 322/“The Present Word” / lecture type class

The Children’s Extended Time (mid-worship 11:15-12:00) Deep Blue Cokesbury Curriculum

K-2 /Rm304/various instructors/Gr 3-5/Rm 306/various instructors

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

Worship Committee meets this morning in the Chapel at 9:00 a.m.