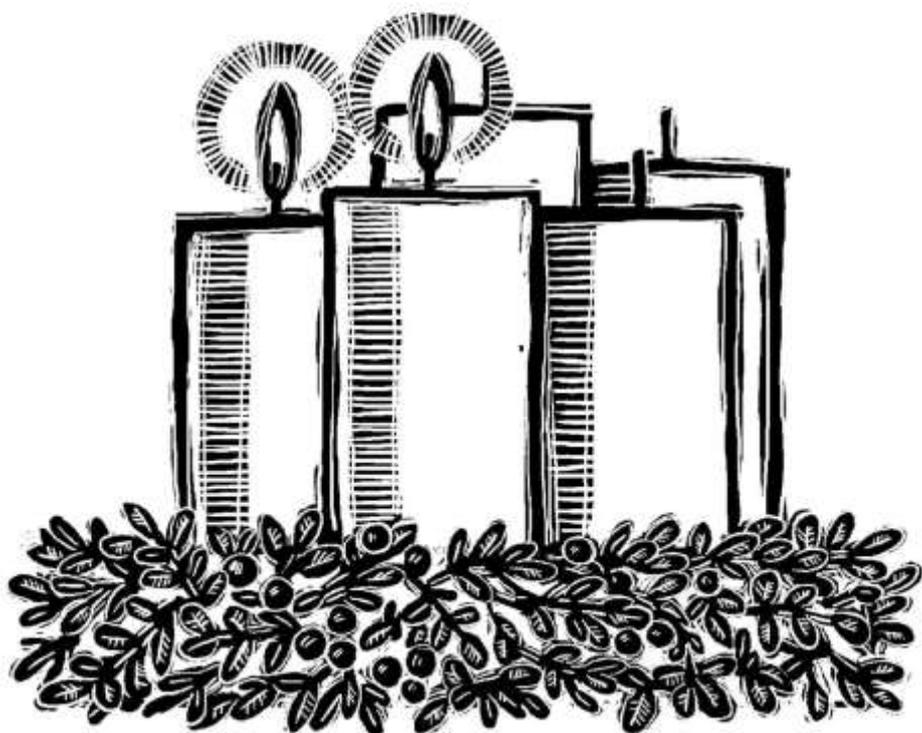


FIRST   
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
LEBANON

*Second Sunday  
in Advent*



December 4, 2022

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 4, 2022 Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

PRELUDE *Carol of the Bells* Traditional  
CHIMING THE HOUR

## INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Nancy & George Gebhardt

Leader: Loving God, come and shine your light in the world!  
Let us pray together.

People: God of peace, we look forward to the time when the earth is full of your glory, when righteousness is at home and peace reigns in all the world. May we prepare for that day by working as one for justice and equity for all. Amen.

Sing: *Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.*

\*HYMN NO. 1 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* STUTTGART

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Peace, we look around and all that we allow ourselves to see is malice and hostility. When we listen, we prefer to hear hatred. The words we speak are cruel. This is not the world that you intended. There is so much of your glory that we are blind to acknowledge.

In this season of Advent, we pray that you will forgive us our many sins and open our eyes to the reality of your kingdom of peace. Amen.

### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In this time of anticipation, let us whisper the words of hope until all despair is silenced. Let us sing the carols of compassion until all wounds are healed.

People: We embrace the Good News of our salvation.  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

\* GLORIA *Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.* Hymn No. 23

### \*THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

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\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Speak to us, Lord. Speak to us in the waiting, the watching,  
the hoping, the longing, the sorrow, the sighing, the rejoicing.  
Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days,  
and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

*On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;  
the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.*

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Ave Maria*

Bach/Gounod

### ANTHEM

*A Joyful Hallelujah*

Hal Hopson

*Sing hallelujah, praise the Lord! Sing with a cheerful voice;  
exalt our God with one accord, and in his name rejoice.  
Ne'er cease to sing, O ransomed host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
until in realms of endless light your praises shall unite.  
Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flow'rs before you, op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!  
All your works with joy surround you, earth and heav'n reflect your rays,  
stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, praising you eternally!  
Yes, we through all eternity shall join th' angelic lays  
and sing in perfect harmony to God our Savior's praise;  
he has redeemed us by his blood, and made us kings and priests to God;  
for us, for us, the Lamb was slain! Praise ye the Lord! Amen.*

### TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

#### SERMON

*Advent in Isaiah: 2. Peace*

Rev. Sherard Edington

### RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

#### \*HYMN NO. 3

*Comfort, Comfort You My People*

PSALM 42

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

### OFFERTORY

*Amazing Grace*

Traditional

### \*DOXOLOGY

*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.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with You.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### SANCTUS

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. (repeat)*

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN NO. 5 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

PICARDY

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn no. 44

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

*How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!*

*So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.*

*No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,*

*Where meek souls will receive Him, Still the dear Christ enters in.*

### \*POSTLUDE

*Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts*

Albin Whitworth

We will welcome the Music City Bronze Handbell Quartet to our worship service today. As ambassadors for Music City Bronze the mission of the Quartet is to assist in introducing and sharing the joy of handbell ringing with a wide variety of audiences, and to demonstrate the versatility, beauty and exuberance of this charming and graceful pitched percussion instrument.

## WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to become a member of First Presbyterian Church. For more information, please speak to the pastor at the close of the service.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

December 7, 6:00 p.m.

*Baked Ham, Twice Baked Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli Casserole,  
Cranberry Salad, Eggnog Cake*

To make a reservation, please contact the church office by Tuesday.

**CHRISTMAS COOKIE CAPER** – Volunteers are needed to bake cookies for our shut-ins. To prevent duplication, please contact the church office to let us know what cookies you will be making. Cookies need to be at the church 8 to be delivered on December 10.

**COMPASSIONATE HANDS MEAL** – On Friday, December 9, at 11:30 a.m., FPC will provide lunch at Compassionate Hands. Volunteers are needed to prepare the meal, serve, and clean up. Contact the church office to volunteer.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** – FPC Women will meet Monday, December 12, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a sandwich and join us for lunch. Friends are always welcome.

**LADIES BINGO NIGHT** – All ladies of the church are invited to attend Bingo Night on Monday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. The event is hosted by Robin Emmert. Bring a \$10 gift and a friend and join the fun. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** will be held on Saturday, December 17, at 8:00 a.m. Contact the church office if you plan to attend.

## YOUTH

**YOUTH GROUP** (5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade) –meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

<b>Today</b>		<b>Wednesday</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Church School	4:00 p.m.	Personnel/Finance
10:00 a.m.	Worship		Committee Mtg.
11:15 a.m.	Deacons' Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
<b>Monday</b>		6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
6:00 p.m.	New Day (AA)	<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>		9:00 a.m.	Preschool
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
6:00 p.m.	AA Group (Annex)	<b>Friday</b>	
		<b>Saturday</b>	

## FINANCE UPDATE

Last Week's Offering	\$2,602.50
<b>Monthly Report</b>	
October Income	\$21,452.78
October Expenses	\$30,578.60

## ELDERS

Class of 2022  
Jessica Fain  
Mickey Stueck  
Lee Lyle

Class of 2023  
Max Carter  
Frank Reeves  
David Foutch  
Wayne Patton

Class of 2024  
Jackie Cowden

## DIACONATE

Class of 2022  
Jack Emmert  
Marilyn Peyton  
Margaret Ann Trail

Class of 2023  
Margaret Carroll  
Mark Fain  
Carol Benson  
Pat Hatcher

Class of 2024  
Jonathan Bouton  
Carol Turner  
Van Turner  
Sandra Weatherford

## CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell  
Treasurer – Robin Orewiler  
Budget & Finance – Frank Reeves  
Buildings and Grounds – Van Turner  
Christian Education – Max Carter  
Congregational Care – Mickey Stueck  
Outreach – Jessica Fain  
Personnel – Jackie Cowden  
Worship – Wayne Patton

## STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation  
Pastor – Sherard Edington  
Organist/Director of Music – Darryl Nettles  
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent  
Preschool Director – Angela Hankins  
Nursery – Sara Chaney  
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

**Children**  
Nursery  
Elementary Class and  
Middle- High School Class

**Adult**  
Crossroads Class  
Faith Builders Class  
Westminster Class

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