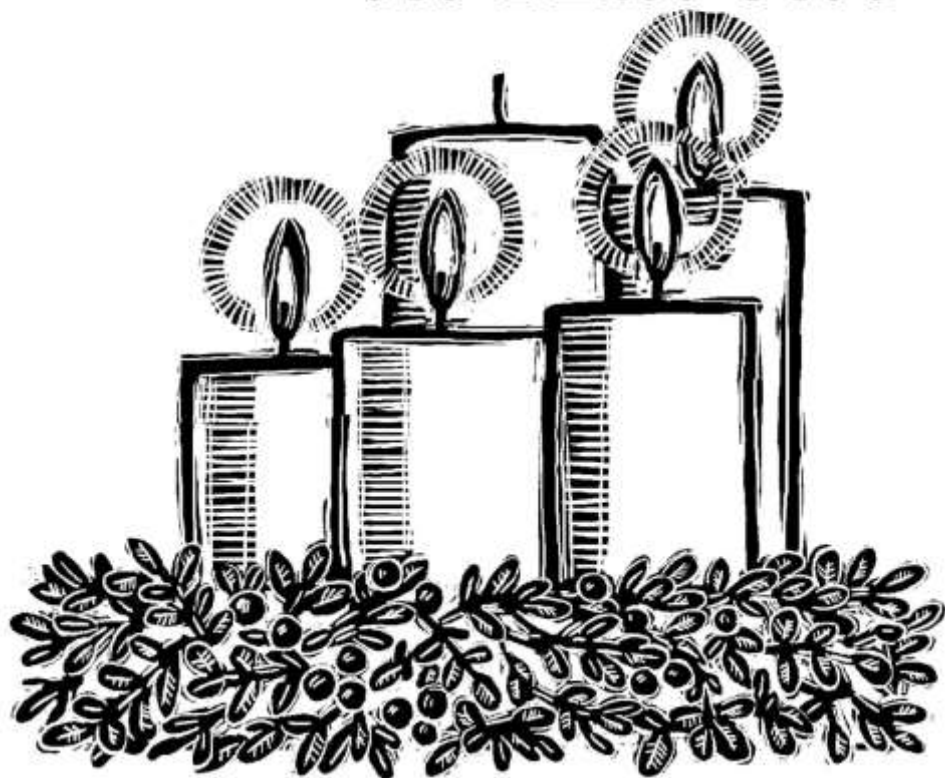


FIRST 
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CHURCH
LEBANON

*Fourth Sunday
in Advent*



December 18, 2022

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 18, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* Albin Whitworth

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Welser Family

Leader: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Let us pray together.

People: God of love, you have sent your Son as the light of the world. Even now that light is breaking in upon us. May we reflect the light of your love, even as we wait for your coming. Amen.

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

*HYMN NO. 23 *Angels We Have Heard on High* GLORIA

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God of love, in this season of Advent, we rejoice that you come to us in the flesh. We confess that we ignore your visions and that we are afraid to take leaps of faith. We choose to conform to this world rather than comply with your will.

We reject your presence and try to go it alone.

Forgive us of our many sins. Help us fulfill your call to be your agents of mercy. Amen

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: As we open our hearts to God, we are filled with the joy that was sung at the birth. Friends, believe the good news:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA Hymn No. 23

Gloria in excelsis Deo;

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

*THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

* 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 7:10-16

Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

Matthew 1:18-25

*She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins.*

ANTHEM

Lift Up Your Heads

Larry Shackley

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

SERMON

Rev. Sherard Edington

Advent in Isaiah: 4. Salvation

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 53

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

*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

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Heavenly Gift

Juliet Calkins

*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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SENDING FORTH

HYMN NO. 22 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* REGENT SQUARE
*Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye, who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!*

HYMN NO. 25 *Away in a Manger* CRADLE SONG
*Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.*

HYMN NO. 38 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* CAROL
*It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
From heaven's all gracious King":
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.*

HYMN NO. 27 *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child* TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM
*Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger;
There He lay, the undefiled, To the world a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His favor.*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Hymn no. 44

*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** *Wake, Awake! For Night is Flying!* Dennis Eliot



CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP
A Service of Lessons and Carols 7:00 P.M.

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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

Rex Bouton – Middle Tennessee State University

Chloe Foutch – East Tennessee State University

THANK YOU – On behalf of Jonathan, we would like to thank everyone for their kind words, cards and gifts celebrating his 50th birthday last month. He had an incredible time, and everything was very much appreciated. The Bouton Family

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP – On Sunday, December 25, the worship service will begin at 11:00 a.m. with no Sunday School classes. The service will be casual.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP – There will be no Wednesday meals on December 21 and 28. Dinners will resume January 4.

NEW OFFICER TRAINING – The next training session for newly elected Elders and Deacons will be Tuesday, January 3, at 5:00 p.m.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) –will resume meetings on January 4.

MISSION

COMPASSIONATE HANDS – On Thursday, FPC hosted 9 women in the Annex.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
9:00 a.m.	Church School	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
10:00 a.m.	Worship	Thursday	
Monday		9:00 a.m.	Preschool
6:00 p.m.	New Day (AA)	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Tuesday		Friday	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Saturday	
6:00 p.m.	AA Group (Annex)	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
		Christmas Day	
		11:00 a.m.	Worship

SESSION

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	Adult
Nursery	Crossroads Class
Elementary Class and	Faith Builders Class
Middle- High School Class	Westminster Class

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FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Expenses	Income
November	\$19,979.09	\$27,058.34
YTD	\$326,388.38	\$299,311.38
	Last Week's Offering	\$6,485.00