

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 8, 2019 Second Sunday of Advent 11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE *Savior of the Heathen, Come (trio)* J.S. Bach

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Sondra Bishop, Linda Gatlin, Becky Harm, Margaret Ann Trail

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

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 together for justice and peace. 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 the future, we find ourselves lost in the wilderness when you call to us. You point us toward the right path. You show us your way. But we confess that we are stubborn and refuse to change course. We shut our ears to your voice and dismiss your guidance.

In this season of Advent, we pray that you will forgive us our sins. May we always be open to welcoming your healing presence in this world. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Renewed and made whole, we see the path God has prepared for us—

the way of peace, the way of hope,

the way of grace, the way of service.

People: May we be so bold as to follow that path.

Leader: Hear the word of the prophet:

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

People: This is the good news of our forgiveness.
Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI

Gloria in excelsis Deo;

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Hymn No. 23

*THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Katherine Anne Sloan
daughter of Beth and Beau Fancher

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

Matthew 3:1-12

I baptize you with water for repentance,

but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me;

I am not worthy to carry his sandals.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

ANTHEM

Emmanuel, Expected Jesus Ruth Elaine Schram

O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel,

that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

shall come to thee, O Israel.

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free.

From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;

dear desire of ev'ry nation, hope of ev'ry longing heart.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

shall come to thee, O Israel.

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Michael Schulte

SERMON

Baptized with Fire Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 37 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

W ZLOBIE LEZY

*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 *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* Paul Manz

*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. 10 *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* WINCHESTER NEW

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Paul Manz

* Those who are able are invited to stand.



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 11, 6:00 p.m.

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Dessert

Join us for the **Ugly Christmas Sweater Advent Festival!**

Build a gingerbread nativity scene, have your picture taken, and more! There will be prizes for the ugliest sweater and the most creative gingerbread nativity scene.

To make a reservation, please call the church office at 615-444-1360 by Tuesday.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be administered today to **Katherine Anne Sloan Fancher**, daughter of Beth and Beau Fancher.

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are extended to Sandra Weatherford and family on the death of her husband, **Frank Weatherford**, on December 1.

COMPASSIONATE HANDS needs volunteers to spend the night. Clothing and toiletry items are also needed. The sign-up sheet and list of needed items are on the bulletin board in the back hallway.

SANTA FOR A SENIOR – The deadline for donations is Monday, December 9. The boxes will be delivered to SCAN that day.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE – A memorial service for **Georgeann Ahles** will be held in the sanctuary on Saturday, December 14, at 3:00 p.m.

KEYBOARDS AT CHRISTMAS

Tonight at 6:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to *Keyboards at Christmas*, an entertaining concert featuring choirs, organ, piano, and special guests.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
8:45 a.m.	Worship	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
9:45 a.m.	Church School	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Thursday	
6:00 p.m.	Keyboards at Christmas	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
		6:30 p.m.	Praise Team
Monday		Friday	
Tuesday		Saturday	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool		

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Jeff Campbell
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Carol Turner
Scott Williams

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Mary Margaret Farris
Sandra Weatherford
Blair Welser

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Wayne Patton

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David Howell

Class of 2021
Becky Harm
Lee Lyle
Sandra Patton
Emily Peyton

CHURCH COMMITTEES

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Personnel – Jeff Campbell
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STAFF

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Director of Christian Education – Michael Schulte
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent
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Nursery – Sara Brown
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children	Adult
Nursery	Atypical Class
Preschool – 1 st Grade	Cross Roads Class
Elementary Class	Faith Builders Class
Middle School Class	Westminster Class
High School Class	Women's Class

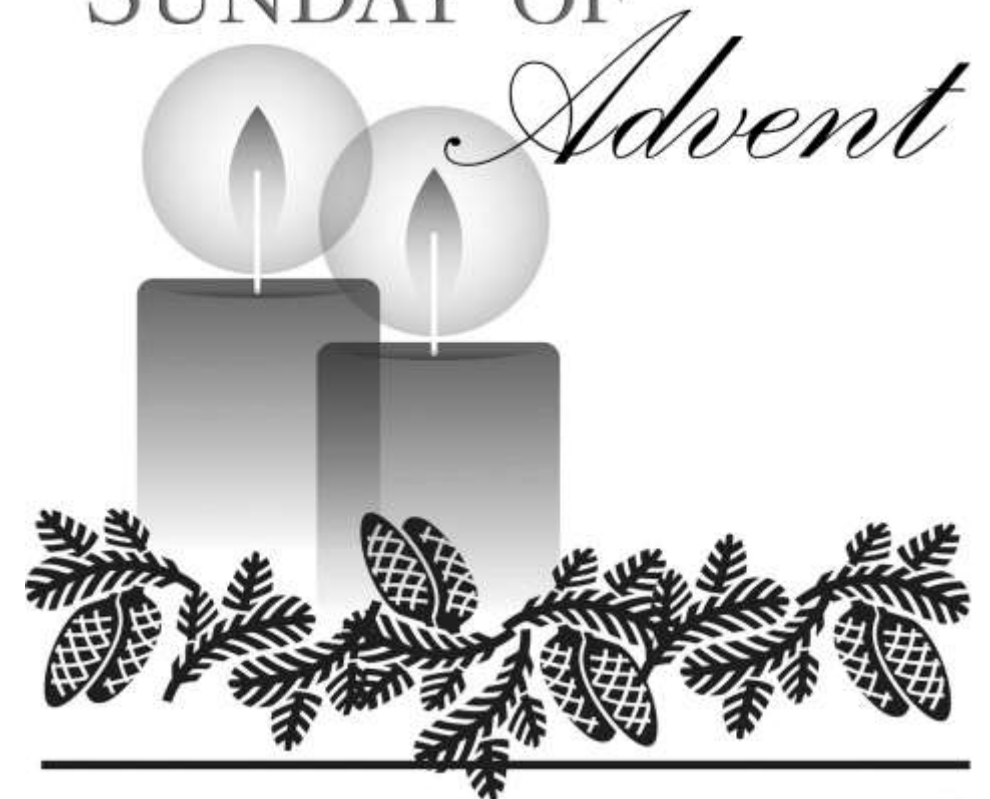
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