

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1st Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

Today we light the Candle of prophetic HOPE....

As we begin our Advent pilgrimage,
grant us the courage to hope.

Hope for your presence,
Hope for your peace,
Hope for your promise.

Our service of worship begins as we GATHER.
We sing our praises to God,
we are called to worship God,
we confess to God together,
we are reminded of God's pardon of what we confess, and
we share signs of peace as we greet one another.

Our worship of God involves us all so there are many times when we speak together or when we respond to the leading of another. These times when we speak (and sing) together are noted by **bold text**.

If you are comfortable, you are invited to stand whenever you see the standing icon. 

WATCHMAN, TELL US OF THE NIGHT / setting James Mansfield

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 CALL TO WORSHIP AND THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will cause a righteous Branch to spring forth and bring my promised salvation to Israel.

The Lord is our righteousness.

The days are surely coming, says our God, when justice and mercy will be executed throughout the land.

The Lord is our righteousness.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when my promised One will teach transgressors my ways, and heal the world with love and mercy.

The Lord is our righteousness.

Today we light the Candle of prophetic HOPE.... Let us pray as we begin our Advent pilgrimage, grant us the courage to hope.

Hope for your presence, Hope for your peace, Hope for your promise.

OPENING HYMN/ O COME, O COME EMMANUEL/ Glory to God, Hymn 88, vs. 1, 2 and 5

 CALL TO CONFESSION

 PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you warn us to read the signs for the coming of your glory—in the sun, the moon, the stars, the roaring of the seas and the waves, the distress among the nations. We have seen it all before. Nothing seems to change. Help us live with courage in this age of ambiguity where wars are fought for peace and freedoms are stripped in the name of liberty. Forgive our lapse of focus, our sense that nothing ever really changes. Teach us to wait with patience, that we may be ready as our redeemer draws near.

A Moment of Silent Confession

 ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.



PASSING THE PEACE

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

We continue our worship as the Word is PROCLAIMED.

We pray that the Holy Spirit helps us receive the Word spoken,
we hear Scripture(s) in song and word,
we listen to a reflection on the Scripture(s), and
we begin our own reflection during a period of quiet.

SPECIAL MUSIC / COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS / Austin C. Lovelace

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON / Luke 21:25-36

We RESPOND to the Word as:
we affirm our faith in song,
we offer our prayers to God, and
we commit through offering to God's work in the world.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONVERSATION STARTER / "Why has this happened to me?" Embracing
God's YES to us Advent 1

MUSICAL MEDITATION / CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT / setting Wilbur Held

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.

As the service of worship of God comes to a close, we acknowledge that
God SENDS us out into the world to be bearers of the good news of God.

We sing a song affirming the calls God has placed on our hearts,
we receive a charge reminding us of God's call, and
we are bid into the work of God with a blessing.



CLOSING HYMN / O COME, O COME EMMANUEL / Glory to God, Hymn 88, vs. 3, 6 and 7

CHARGE AND BLESSING

SAVIOR, OF THE NATIONS, COME / J. S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of November 28, 2021

We welcome all of our visitors who are worshiping with us this day.

Hearing assistance devices are available, as are large print Bibles and hymnals. Please contact the ushers for assistance. If you need weekly large print bulletins, please contact the office.

Serving us:	Worship Leader:	Rev. Glen Reichelderfer
	Organist:	Karen Minson
	Choir Director:	Brianne Sura
	Nursery Director:	Linda Volmar

Next Sunday: 9:30 AM Sunday Worship

• **Deacons visit:** If you know someone who is hospitalized and who would appreciate a visit from one of the Deacons, please contact Therese in the office and she will let them know.

• **Mitten Tree:** Our annual collection of gifts for children in Milwaukee is up in the Sanctuary for the last day, **today, November 28** and is still ready for your generous donations. Please bring books, stuffed animals, toys, crafts, coloring books and crayons, board games, hats, mittens, scarves, coats and boots that would be appropriate for children ages 1-12. Together we will help make Christmas joyful and warm for dozens of God's children, proving that with God's help, a lot of little churches can make a big impact.

• **The Christmas Joy Offering** has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering, running from **November 28th - December 19th**, distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years. Envelopes will be on the entry table.

• **Women's Breakfast:** Come join us for fellowship and good food as the women of First Presbyterian Church join for breakfast. **We will meet at 9:00 at the Coop in Waukesha, 350 Delafield St., on the third Tuesday of each month.**

• **Men's Breakfast:** Come join us for breakfast as the men of First Presbyterian Church resume their fellowship meetings. **Breakfast starts at 8:00 AM at Dady-Oh's, 250 West Broadway, Waukesha.** We meet the third Thursday of every month. Hope to see you there!

• **Pastoral Care:** If you require pastoral care, please contact Rev. Glen on his cell at **(608) 576-1408** or in the office at **(262) 542-4243**. He will look forward to meeting you.

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