

### Welcome, Visitors!

We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting First Presbyterian Church this morning. We are glad you are here! Please share any contact information you would like us to have onto the register at the main entrance.

### Sunday Children's Information

Children are welcome in worship. We do not mind a little fidgeting and fussing in the pew! We also provide care for the very young in the nursery, which is located at the south end of the Case Building, to the right of the main entrance, as we seek to attend to the spiritual needs of all our generations.

### Praying for the Church Family

As a congregation, each week we pray for a number of church members and friends, so that we have prayed specifically for everyone each year. Let us remember in prayer this week the following: Chris Fox and SheaKang Hew and Eli and Ephraim; Esther Harrington; Terri Hawkins; Liz Lang; Donovan McCall.

### Journeys Class – Join us for our Four-Sunday Advent Study

Join us for an adult education opportunity each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor, to the right of the main entrance then left down the next hallway. We will be utilizing Matthew Rawle's book, *The Redemption of Scrooge*, in which he examines Dickens' classic novel and looks at how we can draw important truths from the past, present, and future about brokenness and redemption and the Advent themes of hope, peace, love, and joy. Copies of the book are available in the church office as well as at class.

### Additional Prelude Selections During Advent

During Advent, Gary Huffman will be playing a second piece prior to the one listed in the bulletin each week! He wrote, "There are so many lovely pieces that never get played during this holy season... Most of them are not traditional carols but were composed to express the spirit of Advent and Christmas. Enjoy listening as you prepare for worship."

### Activities and Reminders

- ~ We are collecting 2023 calendars for the IRC clients and our WRCC neighbors.
- ~ Bridge to the Future meets via Zoom **November 28** at 6:30 p.m.
- ~ Session meets **November 29** at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor.
- ~ Our next Community Breakfast is **December 3** and we welcome your help!
- ~ We will celebrate the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper in worship **December 4** and the Deacons will meet after worship that day, at roughly 11:45 a.m.



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November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Prelude on *Divinum Mysterium*  
Fred Bock

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

One: Isaiah said a voice cries,  
"In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

**All: Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together.**

One: Let us lift up our eyes on high  
and prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming,

**All: that we may be ready for the glorious day of the Lord!**

\*Hymn #2 (TPH)

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Prayer of Confession

**Lord, even as we prepare inwardly for the coming of our Savior,  
we often find ourselves lost in the hustle and bustle of the season.  
As we busy ourselves with decorating and feasting,  
it is easy for us to lose track  
of the coming of your Son into this world of desperate need.  
Forgive us, gracious Lord, and in the spirit of the Christ's love,  
remind us to be faithful witnesses to your grace and greater plan.  
For this we pray in the name Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Silent Confession  
Choral Response  
Assurance of Pardon  
\*Gloria Patri (TPH, #579)  
\*The Peace

*Glory Be to the Father*

One: The peace of Christ be with you.  
All: **And also with you.**

Time with Children

Lighting the Advent Candles

Christian Education Commission

Anthem

*Thou Shalt Know Him*  
Janet L. Janzen

Scripture Reading

Sermon

\*Affirmation of Faith

*from the Confession of 1967*

**In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all.  
Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people  
and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows.  
He expressed the love of God  
in word and deed and became a brother to all.  
The risen Christ is the Savior of all humanity.  
Those joined to him by faith are set right with God  
and claimed to serve as his reconciling community.  
Christ is head of this community, the church,  
and reveals the love of God  
by showing power in the form of a servant,  
wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinners.  
The power of God's love to transform the world  
discloses that all things serve the purposes of his love.**

Pastoral Prayer and *The Lord's Prayer* (in unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offertory

Sarah Gutierrez, Gretchen and Steve Bixler

*Children, Go Where I Send Thee*

Traditional Spiritual

\*Doxology (TPH, #592)

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #15 (TPH)

*Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

*Veni Emmanuel*

Hal Hopson

\*signifies congregation standing as comfortable

#### Assisting in Worship Today

Transitional Minister  
Liturgist  
Music Director  
Organist  
Sound  
Computer Graphics  
Camera Operator

Diane Janssen Hemmen  
Roger Lyon  
Steve Bixler  
Gary Huffman  
Dave Muehl  
Bruce Cole  
Steve Specht