

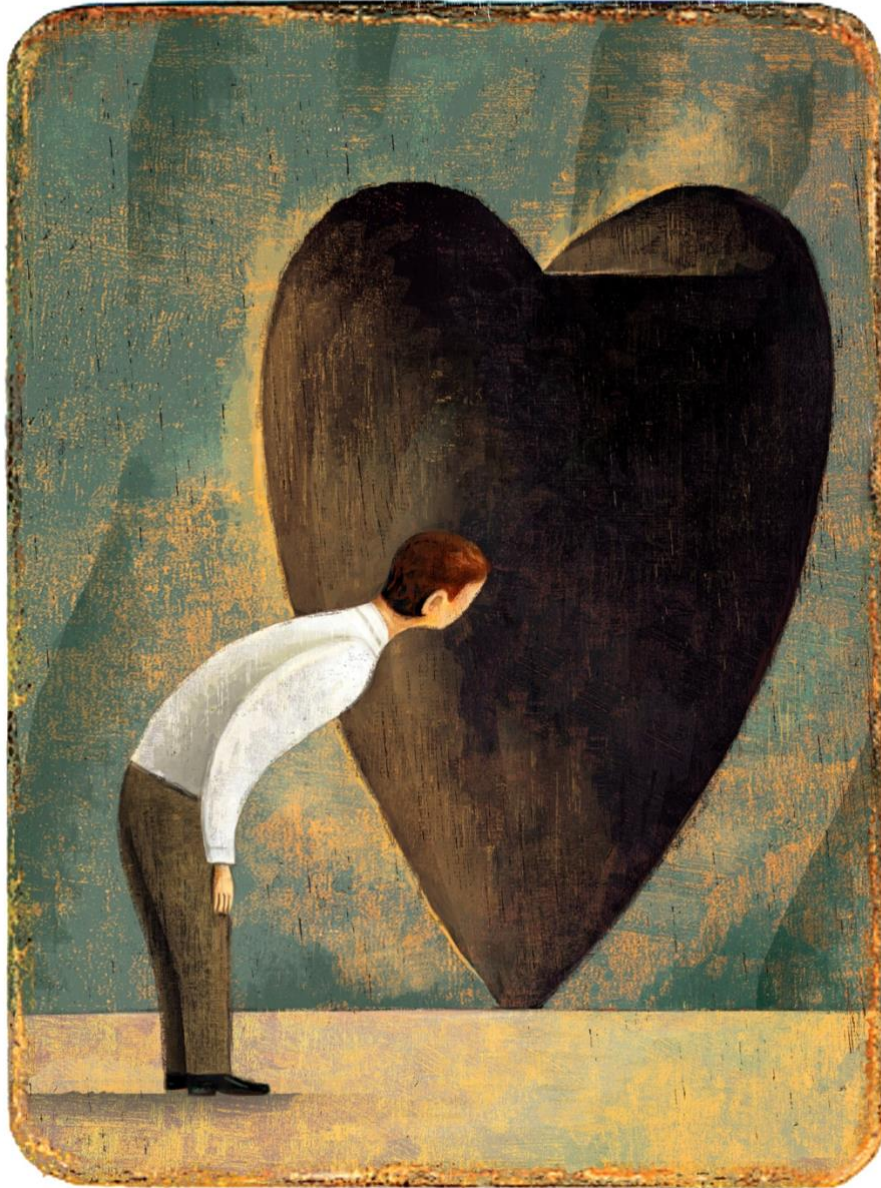


First Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 3rd, 2023

First Sunday of Advent



Man Looking Into Heart Shaped Tunnel, Krieg Barrie

“And that is all we can manage these days and also all that really matters: that we safeguard that little piece of You, God, in ourselves. And perhaps in others as well.” Etty Hillsum, 1943

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Order of Worship

Prelude	<i>In the Bleak Mid-Winter</i> Clifton Glen Cali trio	arr. Janet Jackson Whitman
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Amy Starr Redwine
Introit	“While We Are Waiting, Come” While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come. Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, we are waiting, come.	WAITING
Lighting of the Advent Wreath		Mike, Shannon, Lawson, Brooke, and Merrill White
Hymn 106	“Prepare the Way, O Zion”	BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN
*Prayer of Confession		Rev. Derek Starr Redwine
	Merciful God, you invite us to listen: to listen for your arrival, to listen for your voice, to listen for the deep breath before the glorious chorus. But it is hard to hear your footsteps when we are running ourselves. In your mercy, slow us down, quiet our steps, and calm our hearts that we might discover, again or for the first time, the wonder of a God who is Immanuel, with us and for us in all things.	
*Passing the Peace		
Time for Young Disciples		Nenio Pfuzeh
	<i>Children ages 3 years through 5th grade are invited to Children’s Chapel. They will return to the sanctuary for the Lord’s Supper.</i>	
Hymn 377 (v. 1)	“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”	HOUSTON
Prayer for Illumination		Rev. Amy Starr Redwine
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 64:1-4 Revelation 3:20	OT pp. 652-653 NT p. 233
Sermon	“Love, the Guest”	
Hymn 377 (v. 3)	“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”	HOUSTON
Call to Offering		
Offertory	“Prepare Me One Body,” from <i>The Life of Christ</i> Jason N. Brown, tenor	Roland Hayes

***Please rise in body or in spirit.**

*Doxology (Prayer of Thanksgiving)

sung to VENI EMMANUEL

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Rev. Mary Kay Collins

Rev. Josh Andrzejewski

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three staves. The first staff is for the Cantor, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your". The second staff is for the Congregation, with lyrics: "hearts. We lift them to God. Now let us give thanks to the". The third staff is also for the Congregation, with lyrics: "Lord our God. How good it is to give thanks and praise!". The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God [...] We praise you and join our voices with the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four staves. The lyrics are: "Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might a-dored, heaven and earth are shin-ing bright with the glo - ry of your light. Loud ho - sa - nas now we sing! In the high-est may they ring! Bless-ed is the Com-ing One, Christ, E - man - u - el, your son. Glo - ry in the high - est! Ho - ly God, your name be blessed." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine [...] As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.



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Words of Institution

Communion and Prayers for Healing and Wholeness

Music during Communion

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

arr. Clifton Glen Cali

Clifton Glen Cali trio

Prayer after Communion

Rev. Mary Kay Collins

*Hymn 105 (vv. 1-4)

"People, Look East"

BESANÇON

Charge and Benediction

Rev. Amy Starr Redwine

Postlude

Concerto in G Major: III. Presto

Johann Ernst/J. S. Bach

Clifton Glen Cali Trio: Cindy Jennings, Margaret Swartz, Janet Winslow

This week's usher team includes: Pratt Cook, Jon Morris, Deborah Miller, Pete Winters, and David Williams

Elders at the door: Eone Beck, Christina Luxon, and Nicholas Reynolds

The flowers in the Sanctuary were arranged by Blanche Toms. The flowers in the Memorial Corridor were arranged by Sally Bryson

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Please keep in your prayers those with special concerns:

- Carter Brenaman, health concerns
- Nancy Bruni (*Ben Bruni's mother*), cancer treatment
- Bobby Cobb, health concerns
- Hannah Gray, health concerns
- Kay Grinnan, health concerns
- Jay Johnston, health concerns
- Joyce Lloyd (*Rachael Brown's mother*), cancer treatment
- Mason Louthan, flying F/A-18s on USS Gerald R Ford in eastern Mediterranean, deployment extended
- Barbara Mitchell (*Judy Nobles mother*), in hospice care
- Jane Neer, health concerns
- Byrd Newton (*Emily Laux's father*), health concerns
- Ray Slabaugh, health concerns
- Sharon Spencer, health concerns

How can we pray for you?

You can submit concerns and celebrations at fpcrichmond.org/prayer or let one of our pastors know.