

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2022

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Will, Amber & Eleanor Holt

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Brooks Sheldon, Liturgist

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

People: **Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, that we may learn
God's ways and walk in God's paths.**

Leader: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

People: **Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!**

*HYMN #245

"Rejoice – the Lord is King!"

C. Wesley/J. Darwall

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. (Time for silent confession) Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, hear and believe the gospel:

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share the Peace of Christ with one another.

***HYMN #102** *(see insert)*

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

Ambrose of Milan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

KID'S CHURCH *(5th grade and younger)*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 2:1-5

ANTHEM

“Joy of Longing Hearts”

M. McDonald

SECOND READING:

Matthew 24:36-44

SERMON

“From Darkness to Light”

Dr. Walker

***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; 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.

***HYMN #172**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” C. Wesley/R.H. Prichard

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

(*) *We stand as we are able.*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
and in honor of our grandchildren Gracie McKellar, Gabriel McKellar,
Noah Kudela and Colton Kudela
from Scott & Shelia Brown.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, November 29 at Noon CONGREGATIONAL CARE MEETING
Wednesday, November 30 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER
Wednesday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m. REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
Thursday, December 1 at 7 a.m. JUICE WITH JESUS (10TH-12TH GRADERS)
Friday, December 2 at 4:30 p.m. CORNERSTONES – CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TRIP
Saturday, December 3 TRANSFORM YOUTH OUTING
Sunday, December 4 at 8:30 a.m. MEN'S BREAKFAST (at UMC)
Sunday, December 4 at 3 p.m. ADVENT FESTIVAL
Sunday, December 4 at 5 p.m. SOUP & SANDWICHES
Sunday, December 4 at 5:30 p.m. TREE LIGHTING SERVICE
Monday, December 5 at 7 a.m. BACON & BIBLES (6th-9th graders)
Monday, December 5 at 10 a.m. PW BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, December 7 at Noon FINANCE COMMITTEE
Wednesday, December 7 at 4 p.m. PRAYER SHAWL
Wednesday, December 7 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER with Serenaders
Thursday, December 8 - OFFICE will close at 2 p.m.
Friday, December 9 at 4:30 p.m. CORNERSTONES – CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TRIP
Sunday, December 11 at 8:30 a.m. DEACON'S MEETING
Sunday, December 11 at 11 a.m. CHRISTMAS CANTATA
Monday, December 12 at 7 p.m. PW EVENING CIRCLE
Tuesday, December 13 at 10 a.m. PW MORNING CIRCLE
Tuesday, December 13 at 6 p.m. SESSION MEETING
Wednesday, December 14 at 5:30 p.m. CHRISTMAS WATCH SUPPER
Sunday, December 18 at 6 p.m. YOUTH PROGRESSIVE DINNER
Monday, December 19 at 5:30 p.m. CORNERSTONES CHRISTMAS PARTY
Saturday, December 24 at 6 p.m. CHRISTMAS EVE service

THORNWELL & OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We have collected almost \$600 for **Thornwell** to help foster kids and families.

If you would still like to give, please turn in your offering today *and mark it for Thornwell*.

Patty June delivered our 30 boxes to the **Operation Christmas Child** collection site last week!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEACON OF THE MONTH: Elizabeth Strickland

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Terry Turner

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE WED., Nov. 30, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

We will take the time to memorialize loved ones and friends in our annual **Remembrance Service** on **November 30th at 6:30PM** in the sanctuary. We will gather to speak names, light candles, and ring bells in memory of those who meant so much to us. *This service will follow WATCH Supper and will be the activity for that evening. Whether you are, or are not, at WATCH for supper next Wednesday, everyone is welcome to join us for the Remembrance Service.*

THE GIVING TREE DEADLINE DEC. 15th

The Presbyterian Women are sponsoring the **Giving Tree** mission project to benefit residents of Colquitt Garden Manor. On the Giving Tree in the fellowship hall, each ornament has a Christmas wish list for one of the residents. To participate, unclip a resident's list from the tree ornaments on the tree then sign your name by the name of the resident you chose on the men's or women's list by the tree. Please bring your wrapped gift(s) to the church by **Wed., Dec. 15** and be sure to attach a label to your gift with your wish-list resident's name. Please mark your name off the list beside the tree.

DONATE TO THE FOOD BANK AT ADVENT FEST

The Helping Hands Box in the Fellowship Hall will benefit the Food Bank for the next few months. As you might imagine, the Food Bank has experienced increase volume in the past year. Monetary donations are encouraged as they allow the Food Bank to purchase food in bulk from Second Harvest for pennies on the dollar. However, cereal and jelly in squeeze bottle are not currently available through Second Harvest. ***During the next few weeks, please consider adding your donations of cereal and jelly to the Helping Hands box next Sunday at the Advent Festival.***

2023 FLOWER CHART

Holly Beard is working on the 2023 flower chart. If you are interested in a particular Sunday, please call or text her at 229-798-0669. First come, first serve. These dates are still available: Jan. 29; April 30; June 4; Aug. 6, 13, 27; Sept. 3; Oct. 1; and Nov. 26.

Please make your reservation for WATCH SUPPER (Wed., 5:30 p.m.)

MENU for NOVEMBER 30, 2022

EVERYONE: Bacon, Sausage Links, Sausage Patties, Scrambled Eggs, Grits, Biscuits, Jellies, Strawberry Bread, Juices

Name/Family: _____

Permanent Reservation: _____ This week only: _____

How many? Regular _____ Diet: _____ Children: _____



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Advent Festival

2022

Sunday, December 4th

3:00PM:

ARTS AND CRAFTS &
CRISMON TREE DECORATING

5:00PM:

SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPER

COST \$4.00

PLEASE BRING A CANNED GOOD
FOR THE FOOD BANK

5:30PM:

TREE LIGHTING SERVICE