

UPCOMING

Mark Your Calendar

Sun., Nov. 28 th	9:30 ^{AM}	First Sunday of Advent—Worship Service
	10:35 ^{AM}	Deacons Huddle (<i>Narthex</i>)
	10:35 ^{AM}	Fellowship
	10:45 ^{AM}	Sunday School— K-5 (<i>2nd Floor</i>) 6-12 (<i>Fireside Room</i>) Talk It Over—18+ (<i>Ihrman Hall</i>)
	11:45 ^{AM}	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Mon., Nov. 29 th	7:30 ^{AM}	Contemplative Prayer via Zoom
	9:00 ^{AM}	Staff Meeting via Zoom
	5:45 ^{PM}	RKYSO Rehearsal
Tues., Nov. 30 th	6:30 ^{PM}	Choral Arts Society Rehearsal
Wed., Dec. 1 st	12:00 ^{PM}	Bible Study via Zoom
	4:00 ^{PM} - 7:00 ^{PM}	First Pres Food Pantry
	5:30 ^{PM}	P.L.A.Y. (<i>yoga</i>)
	7:00 ^{PM}	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sun., Dec. 5 th	9:30 ^{AM}	Second Sunday of Advent—Worship Service
	10:35 ^{AM}	Deacons Huddle (<i>Narthex</i>)
	10:35 ^{AM}	Fellowship
	11:00 ^{AM}	Potluck Lunch followed by Advent Workshop
	11:45 ^{AM}	Handbell Choir Rehearsal



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF RACINE
First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021—9:30^{AM}

"Prepare"

Welcome to this sanctuary.
Welcome to this time of worship and wonder.
Welcome to this family of faith.

We're glad you're here today and pray that your experience with us in worship is both challenging and uplifting!

Our ushers are available to assist you as needed.

For more information about First Presbyterian Church, we invite you to visit our website. There you will find out the ways to keep in touch, how we live our faith, our different partnerships and so much more.
Our website address is: www.firstpresracine.org

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If you'd like to explore becoming a member of First Presbyterian, or how to participate in any of the many ministries here, please speak to the pastor after worship.

*Please stand as you are able.

[**Bold type**] indicates text to be spoken by the congregation.

[***Bold italic type***] indicates song to be sung by the congregation.



First Presbyterian Church of Racine

Deacons will once again be preparing the holiday baskets for Julian Thomas School and church members. We need your help to purchase 10 to 12 pound spiral bone-in hams. Stores are limiting us to only two per person. If members can get them between Thanksgiving and December 18th, it would be very helpful. We will need 50 hams.

The cost of one basket is about \$75, if members would like to make a monetary donation of any amount. Donations can be made using PayPal, by visiting our website and clicking on the PayPal icon. Select *Deacons' Christmas Food Baskets* from the dropdown list.

We are also collecting hygiene products, children's socks, bath towels, travel size board games.

Thank you for helping us provide for the school and our church members. And, if you know of a church family that needs a basket or can purchase a ham, please contact LuAnn Hansen.



Pray for Mary Soley, Ellen Cardwell, John Reitsma, Tina Kopacz, Marilyn MacCaughey, Kay Mahl, Bill Blandford, Steve Bernstein, Jim Muir, Leah Fisher, Sandra Hopkins, Mary Ralston, Louise Shapley, Evelyn Vanderheyden, Don & Nancy Tobias, Mary Jane Johnston.

Comfort & healing for Sarah & Amanda—from the Lawrence family, Martha—sister of Nancy Reeser, Kelly—daughter-in-law of Dave & Ginny Holle, Mary—sister of Carrie Massey, Chuck & Lynn—from the Lehmann family, Carleen—friend of Diane Lehmann, Lisa—daughter of Sharon Campbell, John—brother of Peggy Taylor, Linda—daughter of Louise Shapley, along with Julie—Louise's cleaning lady. And a very special prayer request from Autumn for Clint, Kenneth & Rebecca.

Prayers for those in the service—Evan Humphreys, Chad Lawrence, Col. Jay Brooke, Jared Smith, Jordan Smith.

Comforting prayers for those who have lost loved ones. May they know some peace and comfort.



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! May you find God's love, peace, grace, and joy as we worship today. Pam Wahlen

PRELUDE

"Prière" by Pierre De Bréville
Alejandro Alumbremos

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

The world says, "All is lost."

God says, "All is loved."

The darkness says, "The light is dying."

The light says, "The fire is catching."

Fear says, "Cover your eyes and your ears."

Hope says, "Wait, watch, and listen."

As we light our first Advent candle,

we pray for holy hope of God.

Come now, O Child of Mary.

Come now, O Prince of Hope.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

When will God's promise be fulfilled?

The days are surely coming.

When we will be saved?

The days are surely coming.

How will we know the signs to take place?

The days are surely coming

**when a branch from David shall come forth
to execute justice and righteousness in the land.**

What shall it be called?

The Lord is our righteousness.

*OPENING HYMN

"Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus" [PH 2]
Alejandro Alumbremos, Mark Paffrath & Pat Badger

CALL TO CONFESSION

In this season so many voices wish to claim
our attention, our time, and our dollars.

At this font one Voice claims our whole lives:
soul, body, heart, and mind.

In humility let us confess our faults
to the Voice who proclaims our forgiveness.

Coming Christ,
you may not find us as you hoped.
We've looked away from signs we do not wish to see.
We've stopped listening to distress we do not wish to hear.
We are numb to inconvenient truths.
Keep us alert, O God, to the needs of our neighbors.
Revive our hearts laden with compassion fatigue.
Sharpen our minds clouded by worries.
Sober our lives addicted to privilege.
Show us the signs of your coming,
that we may stand before you, the Son of Man,
in whose name we pray.

As sure as the fig tree blossoms,
so sure is the salvation of God,
poured out for the world in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Believe the good news.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Since God has made us the blessed community, the Church,
let us greet one another, in whatever way we can,
with the peace and joy of Christ.
Peace and joy be with you.
And also with you.

“For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits”
[Bulletin p. 7, v. 1]

*“Hyfrydol” Arranged by Linker and McFadden
Handbell Choir*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

Christ Is Coming!

1 Christ is com-ing! Let cre-a-tion from its groans and
 2 Earth can now but tell the sto-ry of your bit-ter
 3 With that bless-ed hope be-fore us, flutes are tuned and
 4 Long your ex-iles have been pin-ing for your prom-ised

la-bor cease; let the glo-rious proc-la-ma-tion
 cross and pain; we shall yet be-hold your glo-ry,
 harps are strung; let the might-y ad-vent cho-rus
 rest and home, but in heaven-ly glo-ry shin-ing,

hope re-store and faith in-crease: Christ is com-ing!
 Lord, when you re-turn to reign: Christ is com-ing!
 on-ward roll from tongue to tongue: Christ is com-ing!
 soon the ris-en Christ shall come. Christ is com-ing!

Christ is com-ing! Come, O bless-ed Prince of peace.
 Christ is com-ing! Let each heart re-peat the strain.
 Christ is com-ing! Let each heart re-peat the song.
 Christ is com-ing! Joy-ful, shout the vic-tory psalm.

shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Luke 21:25-32

The Coming of the Son of Man

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place.'

SERMON

"Prepare"
 Rev. Darren Utley

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

*SONG OF RESPONSE

"Make Way" [Renew! 60]

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

"The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came"

*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*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. ~ Amen

GOING FORTH TO MINISTER

*CLOSING HYMN

“Christ is Coming!” [Bulletin p. 8]

BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” [Bulletin p. 9, v. 1]

POSTLUDE

“Christmas Is Coming” by Vince Guaraldi



Today's Service

Pastor — Rev. Darren Utley

Musicians — Alejandro Alumbremos, Mark Paffrath, Pat Badger, Handbell Choir
Liturgist — Pam Wahlen

Advent Candlelighters — The Utley Family

Greeters — Jerry & Nancy Ritter

Ushers — Dennis & Nancy Reeser, LuAnn Hansen

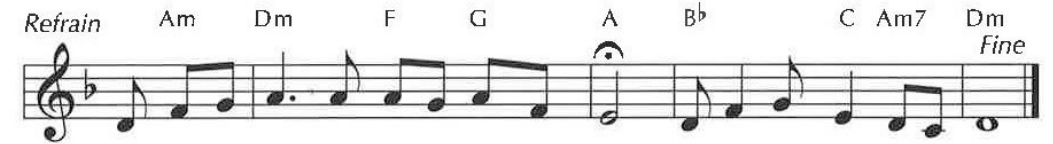
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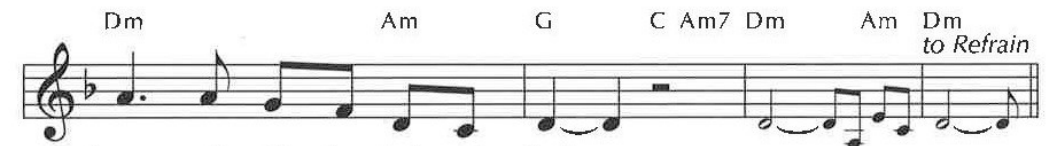
For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits; tru-ly my hope is in you.



1 O Lord of Light, our on - ly hope of glo - ry,
2 O Spring of Joy, rain down up - on our spir - its;
3 O Root of Life, im - plant your seed with - in us,
4 O Key of Knowl - edge, guide us in our pil - grim-age;
5 Come, let us bow be - fore the God who made us;
6 Here we shall meet the Mak - er of the heav - ens,



your ra-diance shines in all who look to you; come, light the
our thirst - y hearts are yearn - ing for your word; come, make us
and in your ad - vent, draw us all to you, our hope re -
we ev - er seek, yet un - ful-filled re - main; o - pen to
let ev - ery heart be o - pened to the Lord, for we are
Cre - a - tor of the moun-tains and the seas, Lord of the



hearts of all in dark and shad - ow.
whole, be com - fort to our hearts.
born in dy - ing and in ris - ing.
us the path - way of your peace.
all the peo - ple of God's hand.
stars, and pres - ent to us now.