

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Princeton, Kentucky

1st Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

10:45 AM

Gathering Around the Word

CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Donna Webster

PRELUDE "Skizzen Für Den Pedalflügel Op. 58: III Lebhaft"

Robert Schumann

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rollie Fortner

L: There will be signs in the heavens
and distress among the nations.

**P: When Christ returns in power and glory
people will faint with fear.**

L: But when you see these things, lift up your heads:

P: our redemption is drawing near?

L: Heaven and earth may pass away,

P: But the Word of God will stand unshaken.

*HYMN "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" #82

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Brylee and Margaret East

L: The world says, "All is lost."

Pat Hayes

P: God says, "All is loved."

L: The darkness says, "The light is dying."

P: The light says, "The fire is catching."

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

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

L: As we light our first Advent candle,

P: We pray for holy hope of God.

L: Come now, O Child of Mary.

P: Come now, O Prince of Hope.

RESPONSE "While We Are Waiting, Come" #92
(verse 1)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Donna Webster

Lord, have mercy on us.

We are not ready for coming.

We live in sin,

as though there were no justice.

We live in fear,

as though there were no grace.

Forgive us Lord,

show us your mercy and steadfast love.

Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths,

for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Friends, believe the good news.

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Proclaiming the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rollie Fortner

FIRST LESSON 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (p.960)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Rollie Fortner

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jean Martin

ANTHEM "Come, Thou Dear Redeemer" Melissa McDaniel

SECOND LESSON Luke 21:25-36 (p.856)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Rev. Webster

SERMON "Looking for the Fig Tree" Rev. Webster

Responding to the Word

*THE APOSTLES' CREED page 35

*GLORIA PATRI #581

*HYMN "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" #93

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Webster

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS "Veni Domine"
Pietro Yon

DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bearing and Following the Word Into the World

*HYMN "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" #104
(verses 1 and 2)

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#104

*“You come, O Lord, with gladness, in mercy and good-will,
to bring an end to sadness and bid our fears be still.
In patient expectation we live for that great day
when your renewed creation your glory shall display.”*

POSTLUDE “Skizzen Für Den Pedalflügel Op. 58: III Lebhaft”
Robert Schumann

*Will those who are able, please stand.

Kimberly Bracken Long. Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 1 :
Advent Through Pentecost. Vol. 1st ed. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2012

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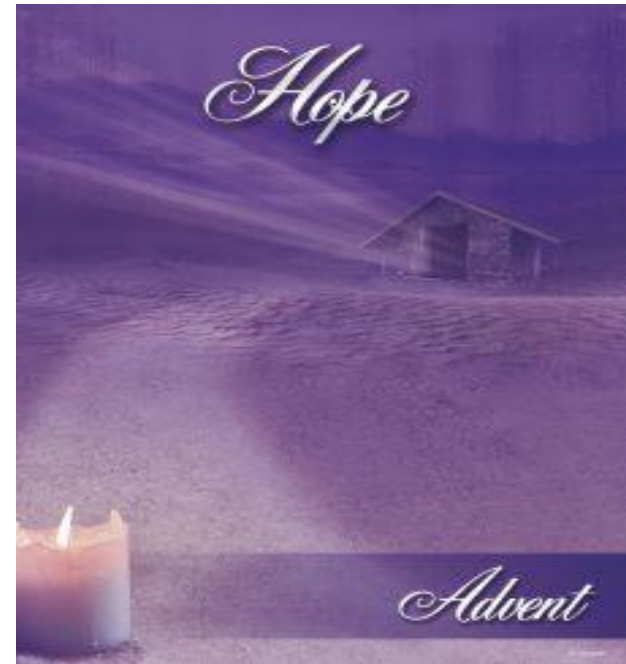
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	28 th	Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM Youth Sunday School 9:45 AM Morning Worship in Sanctuary and via Facebook Livestream 10:45 AM
Sunday	5 th	Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM Youth Sunday School 9:45 AM 1 st Sunday Coffee 10:15 AM Morning Worship with Communion and via Facebook Livestream 10:45 AM Hanging of the Greens 5:00 PM

Upcoming Advent 2021 Services & Programs

Hanging of the Greens	“An Out-of-the-Box Christmas”
CPC Youth	Children’s Choir Program
December 5, 5:00 p.m.	December 12, 5:00 p.m.
“Christmas Cantata”	“Candlelight Service”
Sunday Morning Worship	Christmas Eve
December 19, 10:45 a.m.	December 24, 5:00 p.m.

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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. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.”

Luke 21:29-33