



First Presbyterian Church

1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 28, 2021

*for those who wish to stand

Bold print indicates congregational participation

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD



PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. T. Ewen Holmes

*please sign the act of friendship pad

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Monte, Penni, Chloe, Cora & Cindric White

Mighty God, creator of the world, break through all that keeps us from you. We ask for your mercy and that you re-form us in your image. This Advent season, visit us with your justice, love, and peace. Amen.

*OPENING SENTENCES

One: When will God's promise be fulfilled?

All: The days are surely coming.

One: When we will be saved?

All: The days are surely coming.

One: How will we know the signs to take place?

All: The days are surely coming. When a branch from David shall come forth to execute justice and righteousness in the land.

One: What shall it be called?

All: The Lord is our righteousness.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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 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. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO PARDON

Gloria Patri

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen***

WELCOME THE CHILDREN

***This, this is where children belong,
Welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:
This is where children belong.***

CHILDREN'S TIME

Heidi Paquin

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 25:1-10

One: The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 21:25-36

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

Faith In Troubling Times

Rev. Dr. T. Ewen Holmes

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

We are an Advent people, a people of hope.

For us, Advent is a time of waiting, and so we wait. We wait for the coming of the One who is fulfillment of God's promise, and fulfillment of hope, the declaration that we have been redeemed.

Even so, we are not a naïve people. We know that the world in which we live will continue to be filled with pain and sorrow. We know that hatred and violence will continue to exist. We know that death and separation will continue to be a part of our lives.

But because we are an Advent people, we know that none of these things will win in the end.

The Holy One is coming, to make holy once again all that was, is, and ever will be.

And in our waiting and our hoping, we work and worship, pray and play, in all things hoping that peace, love and joy will reign in our lives and in our world, now and forever.

Rev. Rebecca F. Harrison

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

#129

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

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CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

SENT OUT TO BEAR GOD'S WORD IN THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Usher: *Pat Putzier & Randy Graham*

Coffee Hosts: *Dorothy Spellman & Marcia Anderson*



CHURCH STAFF

Ministers: *Every Member of Congregation*

Transitional Pastor/ Head

of Staff: *Rev. Dr. T. Ewen Holmes*

Church Administrator: *Melanie Dennis*

Administrative & Communications

Coordinator: *Nicole Olson*

Custodian/Maintenance Tech: *Steve Fowler*

Children's Ministry Director: *Heidi Paquin*

CE Assistant: *Britton Zuccarelli*

Youth Ministry Director: *Haley Grabast*

Music Director: *Dr. Richard Koshgarian*

Organist: *Angie Koshgarian*

Worship A/V Tech: *Jesse Smith*

Nursery Caregiver: *Briana Dundon*

Notice of Filming: Worship services are filmed and recorded to be included on our Church website, Facebook, YouTube, etc. While most footage will feature worship leaders, video of the congregation may also appear. Children during children's sermons may be seen. If you have concerns, please contact the church office.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wearing of **MASKS** in the church is at the discretion of each individual.



Living Compass's Living Well Through Advent Guide is available to you at the church and as a pdf download at livingcompass.org/advent.

Please visit livingcompass.org/advent to sign up for their Daily Emails.

Starting on November 28th, daily pictures relating to patience will be posted on Facebook!

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, December 5, 2021, immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to act on a recommendation from the Session to determine the type of pastoral leadership the Pastoral Nominating Committee will seek.

Bring a Friend to FBI Class on January 19, 2022!

The children have been learning about inviting others to follow Jesus. Their lesson will be centered around Micah 1:1-4; 6:6-8



FPC WEEKLY CALENDER

SUNDAY, November 28

Nursery, 9:45am
Worship – Sanctuary, 10:00am
Fellowship – Parlor, after meeting
Follow Me, Adult Ed – Conf Rm, 11:15am

MONDAY, November 29

Staff Meeting – Hope Rm, 9:15am

TUESDAY, November 30

God Squad, 6:15pm

WEDNESDAY, December 1

FBI & FBI In Training, 3:45pm
Worship Meeting – Conf Rm, 4:00pm
Midweek Manna, 5:15pm
Choir Practice – Choir Rm, 6:30pm

THURSDAY, December 2

HeBrews – Mokas, 7:00am

SUNDAY, December 5

Nursery, 9:45am
Worship (Communion) – Sanctuary, 10:00am
Fellowship – Parlor, 11:00am
Follow Me, Adult Ed – Conf Rm, 11:15am

LOOKING FORWARD

- Dec 24th – 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service
- Dec 27th – FPC Office Closed for Christmas Holiday
- Dec 31st – FPC Office Closed for New Years Holiday

Poinsettias & Wreaths

The Board of Deacons invites you to share in providing poinsettias as Christmas gifts to nursing home and home bound members of the church. Poinsettias will decorate the sanctuary during Advent and Christmas Eve.

Cost is \$14 per plant.

You may pick up your plant(s) for your own use following the Christmas Eve service if you designate on the form below that you wish to do so. If you do not want to pick it up, the plant will be assigned for delivery to a member or friends of the congregation.

Each year, we decorate the exterior of our church with wreaths and want to offer you the opportunity to be a donor, to honor or memorialize someone, as well as help offset the cost to the church.

Cost is \$39 per wreath.

Please complete the form below and return with your payment to the church office no later than **Monday, December 6th**. Please note "poinsettia plant or wreath" on your payment. Or you may email your order to the church office at nicole@fpcsalina.org.

I WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE # _____ OF POINSETTIA(S). (\$14/ea)

I WANT TO DONATE MY PLANT **OR** PICK UP MY PLANT

I WANT TO DONATE FOR # _____ OF WREATH(S). (\$39/ea)

PRINTED NAME OF DONOR(S): _____

GIVEN IN **MEMORY** OF:

OR

GIVEN IN **HONOR** OF:
