



First Sunday of Advent - Scottish Heritage

Worship Service of First Presbyterian Church of Casa Grande

9:00 am Sunday, November 29, 2020

Processional

Welcome – Pastor Bill

Advent Candle Lighting – Harold and Renee Lovell

Moment for Stewardship – Denny Honodel

Call to Worship –

LEADER: Come, let us worship the God who comes to us.

ALL: We come with thanksgiving and awe.

LEADER: We worship the God who created us all.

ALL: We worship the God who became one of us.

LEADER: We anticipate God's coming in fullness.

ALL: We celebrate God's glorious future for us.

Prayer of Confession –

ALL:

O God we confess we have not made idols with our hands, but we have made them with our minds. We have taken our own thoughts and desires and molded a god that looks like us. We have taken the scriptures you have given for our enlightenment and salvation and turned them into a reflection of the way we want things to be. All of this comes from our failure to come to know you better. Forgive us and turn us from our idols to a true and deep relationship with you. Open our hearts and our minds that we may truly be your people.

(Moment of silence for personal confession.) **Amen.**

Through the love and mercy of God, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Scripture – Psalm 80:1-7,17-19

¹ Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth ² before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh. Awaken your might; come and save us.

³ Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

⁴How long, Lord God Almighty, will your anger smolder against the prayers of your people?

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.

⁶You have made us an object of derision to our neighbors, and our enemies mock us.

⁷Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

¹⁷Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

¹⁸Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name.

¹⁹Restore us, Lord God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Special Music – *Amazing Grace*

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Scripture – Isaiah 64:1-9

¹Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you!

²As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you!

³For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.

⁴Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

⁵You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved?

⁶All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

⁷No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins.

⁸Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.

⁹Do not be angry beyond measure, Lord; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon – *Longing for God's Justice*, Pastor Bill

How to Support Your Church – Pastor Paul

Benediction - Pastor Bill

Recessional

Senior Pastor – Rev Paul Elgin

Audio/Visual – Carl Heinle

Associate Pastor – Bill Heinle, Commissioned Pastor

Pianist – Richard Hurley

Special Guest – Michael McClanathan

This Week @ FPC

Monday, November 30 - Walking Group 8:00 -10:00 am in the Family Life Center.

Tuesday, December 1-

Wednesday, December 2 - Women's Bible Study will be "zooming" 10:00am

Thursday, December 3 – Walking Group 8:00 – 10:00 am in the Family Life Center, Men's Fellowship
8:00 am in room 17 and via Zoom

Friday, December 4 –

Saturday, December 5 – Electric Light Tour in the FPC parking lot

Sunday, December 6 – Worship @ 9:00 am in the sanctuary, 10:30 am in the Family Life Center.

For more information on any of these events, contact the church office 836-5981 or visit our website:
www.firstpresbyteriancasagrande.com