

Announcements

Church Decorating & Advent Wreaths - We invite everyone to help decorate our sanctuary immediately following worship today. Then, please join us downstairs in the social room for lunch and Advent Wreath making.

Christmas Cantata - First Presbyterian Church presents Mark Hayes' "Gloria" for choir and orchestra on Sunday, December 9 at 4:00 p.m. A festive reception will follow. Please join us for this time of beautiful music and fellowship. Flyers and posters are available in the Narthex (entryway).

Christmas Joy Offering - The Christmas Joy offering will be taken Sunday, December 16, during our worship service. Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor this gift by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

Christmas Party - All current and incoming elders, deacons, staff and spouses are invited to a Christmas party at the church on Tuesday, December 18 at 5:30 p.m. A main dish will be provided. Please provide a side dish or dessert if you are able. RSVP to Shelly by Dec. 12 at 605-343-6171 or office@fpcrc.org.

Linen/Bedding Ministry - In 2018 we had approximately 160 requests for sheets, blankets, pillows and towels channeled through the Love INC office. Our Deacons have kept us generously supplied with new pillows, while many individuals in the congregation have made donations of various bedding items for which we are most grateful. Thank you for your participation in this outreach ministry.

On-line Donating - Did you know that you can make a donation to First Presbyterian Church directly from your phone or computer? If you would like to do this, please go to the following link. www.fpcrc.org/donate

Carnegie Hall Trip - Thank you all for your support and prayers during the choir's trip to New York City. It was a wonderful time of fellowship that knit all of us closer together. And of course, we enjoyed making some incredible music!

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Today:	Wired Word	9:00 a.m.
	Worship	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship in Sanctuary	11:00 a.m.
	Christmas Decorating	
	Lunch & Advent Wreath Making	
	Youth Group	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Monday:	Sew & Sews	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday:	Deacons	5:45 p.m.
Wednesday:	Chancel Bells	6:00 p.m.
	Praise Team	6:00 p.m.
	Chancel Choir	7:00 p.m.
Thursday:	Trustees	5:30 p.m.
Friday:	Church Office Closed	
Sunday:	Wired Word	9:00 a.m.
	Worship	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
	Children's Christmas Practice	11:15 a.m.
	Christmas Cantata	4:00 p.m.
	Youth Group	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- ◇ Dec. 9 - Christmas Cantata @ 4:00 p.m.
- ◇ Dec. 16 - Christmas Joy Offering during worship
- ◇ Dec. 16 - Youth Christmas Party 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- ◇ Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Services @ 5:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Prayer Requests

Audrey Hamm
Pauline Manus
Rick Featherstone
Scott Kirchmann & Family

First Presbyterian Church Staff

Jeff Kintner	Pastor
Diane Janssen-Hemmen	Program Coordinator
Paul Robinson	Director of Worship Arts/Organist
Shelly Tupper	Office Coordinator/Accompanist
Melissa Bumbach	Connections Coordinator
Martha Robinson	Director of Youth Ministry
Paula Zavitz	Director of Children's Ministry

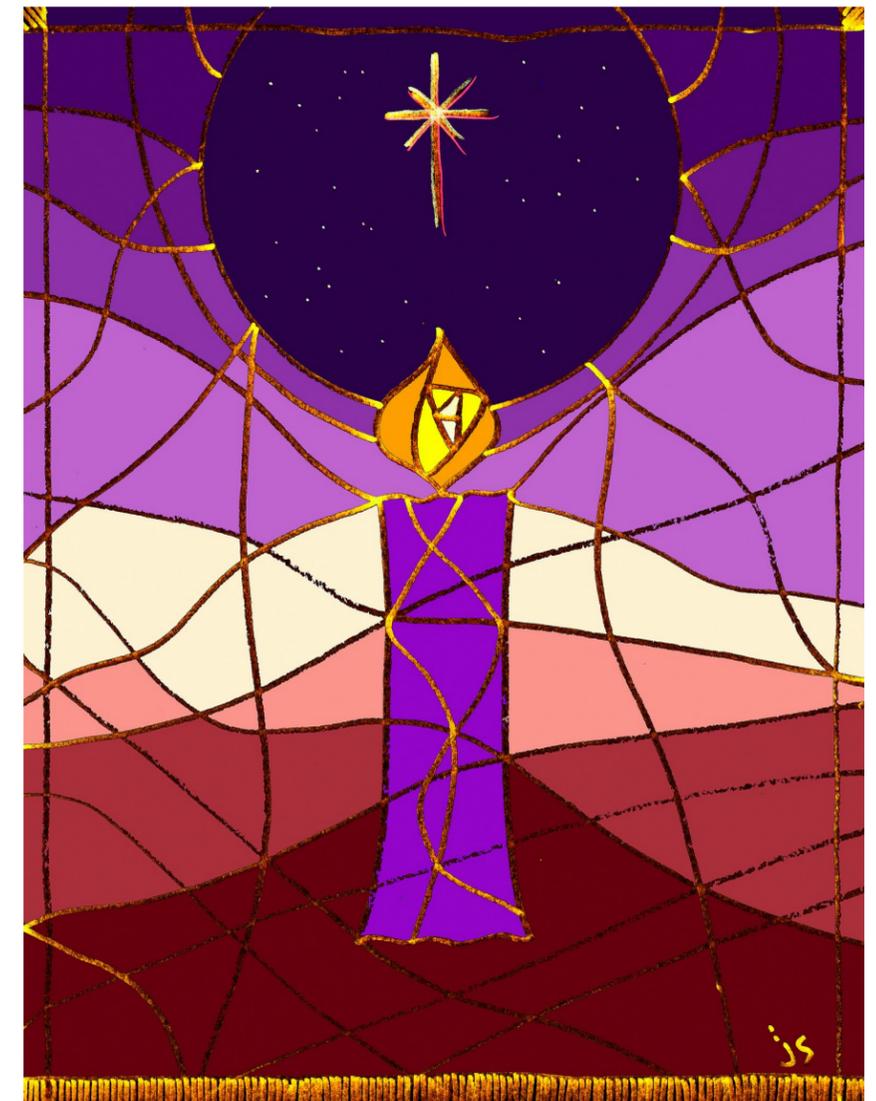
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Seeking Christ and serving others until all things are made new.

December 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent



Serving This Week

Lector - Avis Tellinghuisen
Acolyte - Youth
Greeter - Leo Hamm
Ushers - Youth
Godly Play - No Godly Play
AV - Lenny Young, Ron Bischoff & Matthew Bumbach
Tami Lindquist - Video
Coffee Servers - Youth

Serving Next Week

Lector - Gabe Michaloski
Acolyte - Youth
Greeter - Chris Dancy
Ushers - Darwin & Lauree Buus, Ralph & Millie Galyen
Godly Play - Paula Zavitz & Ethan Young
AV - Ivan Kundel, Lenny Young & Matthew Bumbach
Tami Lindquist - Video
Coffee Servers - TBD

Celebration of Worship

Prelude (Seated)

“Here Comes Heaven” Chris Brown, Mack Brock, Matthew Ntlele
Martha Robinson, cello; Paul Robinson, piano

Welcome and Announcements (Seated) Melissa Bumbach

Candle Lighting Service (Seated) Jim & Glenna Books (See insert)

Call to Worship (Standing) Pastor Jeff Kintner

Leader: In days to come
the mountain of the LORD’s house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,

People: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”

Leader: For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

People: O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

–Isaiah 2:2-5, NRSV

Hymn #357 (Standing)

“The Days Are Surely Coming”

Prayer of Confession (Seated) Avis Tellinghuisen

Leader: Arise, shine: for your light has come.

People: O God, we live as if the light
had never defeated the darkness in the world or in us.

Leader: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

People: We confess that we ignore the Christ
you sent to be among us, to be in us.

Leader: For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.

People: We’ve kept the birth of your Son
confined to the Christmas season

and do not yearn for his birth each moment
in our waiting hearts.

Leader: And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

People: Lord, you came to us in the fullness of time.
Forgive us for not opening our eyes to your coming.
It’s time that we prepare for your coming.
Let the earth ring with song. Let the light break forth.
Let us all rejoice in the miracle of love.
Let Christ come into the fullness of our time. Amen.

–based on Isaiah 60:1-3

Assurance of Pardon Avis Tellinghuisen

Leader: The good news of this Advent season
is forgiveness of sin and new life.
Let us commit our lives to Christ’s way of hope and peace.

People: Thanks be to the Advent God,
who comes among us,
setting us free to love and serve.

Passing of the Peace Avis Tellinghuisen

Leader: Just as Jesus was born the Prince of Peace, may we strive to be
at peace in all our relationships. Please take a moment to pass
the peace of Christ as we greet each other this morning.

The congregation offers one another signs of welcome, peace and reconciliation.

Congregational Response #113 (Standing)

“Angels We Have Heard on High” (refrain)

Children’s Message (Seated) Paula Zavitz

The First Lesson (Seated) Avis Tellinghuisen

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem (Seated)

“Come, Christmas Child” Paul Robinson

Chancel Choir

Come, Christmas Child, come again in your wonder, changing the world with the light that you hold;
burst through the mist and the dust of the ages, Word for our time to unwrap and unfold.

Come to be born in a comfortless cradle, come where our cruelties keep us in chains:
Herod still hunts for our innocent children, Rachel still weeps and her sorrow remains.

Bring us your mirror of hope and compassion, bring us your mindset that mends and restores,
bake us the bread of new life you will offer, knocking once more on humanity’s doors.

Come, Christmas Child, in the festival’s flurry, come in the silence, the pain and the night,
come in the hearts that are faith-filled as Mary’s, bringing the joy of the love you invite.

Text by Shirley Erena Murray

Time for Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer (Seated)

Contemporary Song (Standing)

“Even So Come” Chris Tomlin, Jess Cates, Jason Ingram
Praise Team

The Second Lesson (Seated) Pastor Jeff Kintner

Luke 21:25-36

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Message (Seated) Pastor Jeff Kintner

“In Those Days”

Sacrament of Communion

Affirmation of Faith (Standing)

All: In love you came to a stable in Bethlehem
to become one with us.
In love you walked the plains and hills of Galilee and Judea
to teach us how to live.
In love you were nailed on a cross on Calvary
to bear away our sin.
In love you rose from a tomb in Joseph’s garden
to defeat death’s power over us.
In love you ascended beyond the clouds
to be our reigning Lord.
You came to love us so that we need never be
unloved, deserted, alone, condemned.

Connection Cards (Seated) Pastor Jeff Kintner

Gathering of Tithes, Offerings and Connections Cards (Seated)

Offertory (Seated)

Doxology #606 (Standing)

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Dedication (Standing)

Hymn #82 (Standing)

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Charge and Benediction (Standing) Pastor Jeff Kintner

Postlude

“Finale on HYFRYDOL” Arr. Henry Coleman

Paul Robinson, organ