

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**December 4, 2022 11:00 am**

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us J.S. Bach  
Dr. Mark Coffey, Guest Organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

Liturgist: We light this candle as a sign of the light of Christ. Advent means coming. We are preparing ourselves for the day when the nations will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. ---Isaiah 2:4

**People: The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ----Isaiah 11:6**

**All: Let us walk in the light of our Lord.**

INTROIT "Wait For the Lord"

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart;

**People: We will tell of all your wonderful deeds.**

Leader: We will be glad and exult in you;

**People: We will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

\*HYMN "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" No. 133  
(Red Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of peace: Lord have mercy.

**People: Lord have mercy.**

Minister: Lord Jesus, you are the Son of God and Son of Mary: Christ have mercy.

**People: Christ have mercy.**

Minister: Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendor of the Father: Lord, have mercy.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Minister: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**All: Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI No. 623 (Red Hymnal)  
**"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."**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

ANTHEM "Still, Still, Still" By Norman Luboff

RESPONSIVE READING No. 634 (Back of Red Hymnal)

\*HYMN "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" No. 128  
(Red Hymnal)

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:8-14

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON The First Christmas Carol Dr. Don McGarity

THE APOSTLES' CREED (see insert)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" R. Lind

\*DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**"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."**

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

**Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in this Sacrament of Holy Communion and be nourished by this one heavenly Bread. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

COMMUNION PRAYER

Minister: Father, it is our duty and our salvation..... And so we join the angels and the saints in proclaiming your glory as we say:

**All:** *Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**All:** *Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*

Minister: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**All:** *AMEN.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

No. 426 (Red Hymnal)

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

Minister: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**All:** *Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

\*HYMN "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" No. 138  
(Red hymnal)

\*BENEDICTION

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

Minister: May Almighty God bless you the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**People:** *Amen.*

Minister: Go in peace.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"*Threefold Amen*"  
**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

\*POSTLUDE "Sussex Carol" R. Lind

**\*Those who are able, please stand.**



# Holy Communion

We warmly greet all who have come to worship God. Your presence will enhance our worship experience and our fellowship together. Sincere thanks to each of you for your participation in the service. Glory be to God!

Presbyterians celebrate an “open communion.” All professing Christians who have been baptized “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” are encouraged to partake of this Holy Sacrament.

**Leading Worship:** Dr. Don McGarity; Nancy Bell, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director; Dr. Mark Coffey, Guest Organist

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen**

Session Members

Jeanne Hilgendorf **Fellowship** Class of 22  
Heather Speas **Mission/outreach** Class of 22  
Alex Lutz **Worship** Class of 22  
Joey Ratliff **Administration** Class of 23  
Marne Helberg **Worship** Class of 23  
Rachel Poppell **Christian Education** Class of 23  
Sandi Hilgendorf **Clerk, Fellowship** Class of 23  
Martha Davis **Administration** Class of 24  
Chuck Eckel **Mission/Outreach, Admin.** Class of 24

## Notes & Announcements

- FPC website [www.firstpresperry.org](http://www.firstpresperry.org)
- Ushers for December 11<sup>th</sup>: Jeanne Hilgendorf, David Culpepper, Warren Hilgendorf, Jeanne Raulerson

### ***Prayers Of and For The People*** ***First Presbyterian Church***

*Danny Musgrove*

*Our on-going Bible and Advent studies*

*Thankful for our freedom*

*Thankful for our 5 needful habits for Christian growth (Sid's sermon)*

*Dominic Sandonato, home pt*

*Carusos and all battling cancer*

*All covid infected*

*Sandra Hedrick, our presbytery's stated clerk*