

Morning Worship—December 1st, 2019
1st Sunday of Advent

Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor.

**Please stand if able. It is our custom to sing, “Amen,” after hymns.*

As the chimes ring in the worship hour,

we invite people to enter a time of personal reflection and congregational worship.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
MINUTE FOR THE PNC

Tom Gillespie

PRELUDE “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

arr. Wilbur Held

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE “Hope”

Chancel Choir

Leader: Today is the first Sunday of Advent, in which we recall the hope we have in Christ. God told Abraham that through him all the nations of the world would be blessed, because he trusted and put his hope in God. The Old Testament spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Savior would be born, a king in the line of King David. He would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations. We too believe in God’s promise to send Jesus again to this world to establish his kingdom upon the earth. [The Candle is Lit.] Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ. Let us pray:

All: God of Abraham and Sarah and all the Patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate His birth, to make our hearts ready, and to place our hope in You. Help us today and every day to worship You, to hear Your word, and to do Your will by sharing Your hope with others. We ask it in the name of the One Who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE 2**

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, we have not kept watch for you. We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns. We have not waited to find your will for us. We have not noticed the needs of those around us. Have mercy, O Lord, and forgive us for our lack of watchfulness. Help us to wait to know your will. Help us to look out for the needs of others. Help us to work and watch for your coming during this Advent season, so that we may welcome the Messiah’s arrival. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Your sins are pardoned. The penalty is paid. Trust the good news that in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI (579)**

GREATOREX, 1851

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.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

(children exit for Sunday School)

Kent Shelton

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait all the day long. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON (563/594)

Jeremiah 33:14-16

ANTHEM “In the Bleak Midwinter”

by Rosetti/Holst

GOSPEL LESSON (723/760)

Luke 1:5-25

SERMON “Long Introductions”

Rev. Steve Willis

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (See Apostle’s Creed in Aids to Worship pew insert)

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 3** “Comfort, Comfort You My People”

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER (See pew insert)

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offering in Music

“Huron Indian Carol”

arr. Marilyn Hamm

***Doxology 591**

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT 447**

(children return from Sunday School)

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE 10**, last stanza

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

POSTLUDE

“Meditation”

by D. Wyrzten

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL CONCERNS— Chlodine Bittner (J. Weller’s grandmother), Lisa Bolt, Amy Bracey, Bill Brown, Matthew Dolianitis, Betty & Bill Fitzgerald, Carroll Garrett, Kay Gillespie, Fred Gunn (W. Gunn’s brother), Flo Hall, Ray Hayes, Caroline Hudson (J. Reynolds), Peggy Lackey, Bob Lowther, Martha McQueen, Ronnie Mathena, Patrick Martin (H. Beale), Carolyn Miles, Tony Parker (W. Barrow’s father), Taz Stephens (P. Brandon’s nephew), Debra Bolt Thompson, Easton Zunker (K. Meadows)

The concerns of those who wish to remain unnamed. Our PNC Committee.

Our Service Personnel & First Responders. The people of Togo.

ON THE MEND — Mrs. Helen Harris

Starting today- Sunday Dec. 1st at 7 p.m. in Dunglinson–Roberts Hall we will have a 4 week study on the words of Advent. We will meet Dec. 1,8,15, & 22 at 7 p.m. with Jackson Weller leading this study. If you are interested please contact him via email: jackson@fpcdanville.com, so we will have enough materials prepared.

The Annual Church Christmas Breakfast will be Dec. 8th at 9 a.m. in Overbey Hall. Mark your calendar for your family to enjoy this Christmas tradition that began in the 1940’s. Everyone is welcome to a breakfast of ham or sausage biscuits, homemade breakfast casseroles, fruit, sweets, juices & coffee sponsored by the members of the Outlook Sunday School class. There is no charge. Come & begin your day of worship with this time of fellowship and joy!

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Tim Hooker by the family.

SERVING TODAY

Nursery/Sunday School	L. Blount & M. Meadors
Combined Sunday School	R. Atkinson & C. Moore
Elders at Front Door	J. Perez
Security & Side Door	B. Hayes
Visitation	
Deacon to Receive Offering	K. Dolianitis
Officers to Count Offering	Beale/Meadema
Church School Superintendent	Gail Davis
Liturgist	B. Meadema
Time for Young Disciples	K. Shelton
Sound System	D. Parris
Ushers	Team 1
Flower Ministry	Evening Circle
Childcare Specialists	Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler
Saturday Lunch Ministry Dec. 7th	M. Reynolds/B. Meadema
Saturday Lunch Attendance 11/23	80

The PW Evening Circle will meet at the home of Karan Johnson, (320 Hawthorne Dr.) Monday Dec. 2nd at 7 p.m.

****Day Circle will meet Monday 12/9 at 12:30 p.m.**

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TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

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Opportunities to Study the Word every Sunday Morning

- Youth & Adult Sunday School 9:45 a.m.– 10:40 a.m.
- Youth (middle & high school) Rm 112 /discussion type class studying scripture lesson used in Sunday’s sermon
- Bible Seekers/Rm 109/ “Feasting on the Word” / discussion type class
- Bible Study Fellowship/Library/ Ligonier Ministry’s “Tabletalk Magazine” / discussion type class
- Outlook/Rm 322/“The Present Word” / lecture type class
- The Children’s Extended Time (mid-worship 11:15-12:00) Deep Blue Cokesbury Curriculum
- K-2 /Rm304/various instructors/Gr 3-5/Rm 306/various instructors
- Nursery care from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM & Sunday School for grades K-5 after Time for Young Disciples.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

MONDAY, December 2
9:30 a.m. Prayer Group
10:00 a.m. Coordinating Council
5:45 p.m. Deacons
7:00 p.m. Evening Circle

TUESDAY, December 3
5:15 p.m. Handbells
7:00 p.m. Property Committee

WEDNESDAY, December 4
5:30 p.m. PNC Committee
6:00 p.m. Youth & WNS

THURSDAY, December 5
5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, December 6
All Day Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, December 7
11:30 a.m. Lunch Ministry
4:00 p.m. Williams Wedding

SUNDAY, December 8
9:45 a.m. Sunday School:
See below for Class information
11:00 a.m. Worship
Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS
Noon Fellowship
7:00 p.m. Advent Study