

Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

SERVING TODAY

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Music Director
Patricia Taylor	Organist
David Clark	Sound
Bernadine Hayes	Liturgist
David Swann	Security, side door and offering
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Kathy Dolianitis and Lorraine Willeford	Sunday School

First Presbyterian Church

November 27, 2022

11 a.m.



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Office Hours: Tuesday—Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1

A Service for the Worship of God

GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

As you enter the sanctuary please end your conversations and respect those worshippers who seek quiet time for prayer and meditation. Please silence all electronic devices. If you need a hearing assistance device, please request one from the usher. Remaining seated is as worshipful a posture as standing. Please worship in a way that is comfortable for you.

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship *“Come, True Light”*

Advent Lighting

- *First Person:* This is the first Sunday of Advent. The light of this candle, flickering in the sanctuary, tells us of the coming of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- *Second Person:* In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... (John 1:1 NRSV).
- *Third Person:*... in him was life, and the life was the light of all people (John 1:4 NRSV).
- *Fourth Person:* The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus (Rev. 22:20).

All: Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, We open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. Show us the creative power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, That we may walk in the light of Christ.

Hymn *“O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”* **GTG#666**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| TUESDAY (11/29) | Bell Choir meets at 5 p.m., Session meeting at 6 p.m. |
| WEDNESDAY (11/30) | Youth Activities at 6 p.m. |
| THURSDAY (12/1) | Bible study at 10:30 and 6:30
Choir rehearsal at 5 p.m. |
| WEDNESDAY (12/7) | Wednesday night dinner, Team 2 in charge. |

The flowers that enhance our worship are given in memory of
Our mothers_____

Prayer of Confession

While we ask, Lord, for the most meaningful Advent season ever, we sadly confess having done so little with so much.

Forgive us Lord,
for not bending the knee,
for not reading the Book,
for not searching our hearts,
for not facing our sins.

Deal with us according to your tender mercies, O God! Grant that when Christmas morning breaks for us this year, we may have a fresh sense of your presence, and a renewed resolve to live to the praise of Christ's glory. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

One: God's love—shown to us through Jesus—is greater than our shortcomings. The blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purifies our conscience from dead works to worship the living God.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

The Peace of Christ:

The Lord Be With You

And also with you.

Leader: Let us, the children of God, greet each other with signs of peace, peace of Christ to you!

Response

“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. Amen.

Time for Young Disciples

(Children through 4th Grade should leave for Sunday School)

Prayer for the Offering

Doxology

Prayers of the People

Anthem *“O Laughing Light”*

Scripture John 1:1, 4

Sermon *“In Him Was Life”*

Affirmation of Faith

We believe that God has come to us;
that God brought us into being,
that this God gave us breath and purpose,
that we have been blessed to be a blessing to others,
that we have fallen short of this commandment
but that God has nevertheless loved us despite our brokenness.

We believe that God is coming to us;
that God is not happy to leave us alone,
that this God will come to us as a particular human being,
that God will be made known to us in flesh and bone like ours,
that Mary will soon give birth and Joseph will soon clap his hands in joy,
that Jesus Christ will be born and our salvation made complete.

We believe that God will come to us;
that God will have the final word and that the Word will be good,
that this God will give us the presence of the Spirit to continue our work,
that we are called to be disciples to all the corners of the earth,
that the day is coming when tears and pain will be no more,
and all will gather at the Table to sing an endless and perfect "Alleluia!"

We are sent, always to gather again around the means of grace—God’s Word and sacraments.

Closing Hymn *“While We Are Waiting, Come”* **GTG#92**

Charge to the Congregation

Take time, in the busyness of this season, for quiet reflection—
For the light of God's love is discernible everywhere.

**We will let ourselves be surprised by wonder,
And set aside time to offer quiet thanks.**

The good news of Advent is this:
Christ is coming. Christ is always coming.

**We will welcome Christ into our hearts.
We will let ourselves be guided by his ministry.
We will go forth from this place in hope.**

Postlude

(Please Remain Seated)

Benediction