



The Order of Worship

**November 27, 2022
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

“As long as there are people, Christ will walk the earth as your neighbor, as the one through whom God calls you, speaks to you, makes demands on you. That is the great seriousness and great blessedness of the Advent message. Christ is standing at the door; he lives in the form of a human being among us.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, God Is in the Manger

PRELUDE Vom Himmel kam, BWV 607 J. S. Bach

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

(9:00) Sky and Kathy Huck

(11:00) Reed and Lisa Ellis

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Ann Owens Brunger

One: In days to come peoples shall come and say:

All: Come, let us go up to the mountain of God; to learn God's ways and to walk in God's paths.

One: For God shall judge between many peoples.

All: They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

One: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

All: O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 88** (*Glory to God* hymnal) O Come, O Come Emmanuel *Veni Emmanuel*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

God of life, we confess we are asleep; oblivious to our sin, ignorant of your grace. Awaken us; open our eyes, to see our sin and brokenness, to see your forgiveness and healing, through the gift of Christ Jesus, to shine with your grace.

***KYRIE ELEISON** Healey Willan

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE** Gloria Patri No. 581 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Henry W. Greatorex

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 2:1-5

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Barbara Adamcik

Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to downstairs for Children's Sunday School after the TWC.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00) Rosie Carey Brewington

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 13:11-14

SERMON “What Do You Want?” Rev. Dr. Anne McKee

***HYMN NO. 352** (*Glory to God* hymnal) My Lord, What a Morning
My Lord, What a Morning

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) Daniel Berrigan, S.J.

One: It is not true that creation and the human family are doomed to destruction and loss-

All: This is true: Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, his name shall be called wonderful counselor, mighty God, the Everlasting, the Prince of peace.

One: It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil who seek to rule the world-

All: This is true: To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo I am with you, even until the end of the world.

One: It is not true that our hopes for justice, human dignity, and peace are not meant for this earth and for this history-

All: This is true: The hour comes, and it is now, that the true worshipers shall worship God in spirit and in truth.

One: So let us enter Advent in hope, even hope against hope.

All: Let us see visions of love and peace and justice.

One: Let us affirm with humility, with joy, with faith, with courage:

All: Jesus Christ-the life of the world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ... The Lord's Prayer

During the Prayers of the People there will be a time of silence. You are invited to use this time for personal reflection, confession, thanksgiving, and prayer.

THE OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle. Though many of us contribute online or by a check in the mail, your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY

(9:00) Andante from the Trio Sonata in A minor Georg Philipp Telemann

(11:00) Sing to the Lord, Rejoice! Georg Philipp Telemann

Sing to the Lord, rejoice! God's love is steadfast, ever true. God is faithful from age to age. O Zion, sing, rejoice! The Lord brings peace to Zion's hill.

God's word goes out to all the land. All earth rejoice and sing.

from Psalm 147

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology *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**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

HYMN NO. 384 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Soon and Very Soon *Soon and Very Soon*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** A Festive Improvisation on Veni Emmanuel George Schafer

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Meghan Oros and Bill Wiesehuegel
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR NOVEMBER: Janet Tortorelli
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Charlotte Van Beke and Anna Van Beke
GREETERS: (11:00) John and Kathy Shilling
LITURGIST: Rev. Ann Owens Brunger
MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Chancel Choir
SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Bryan and Rachel Powell
SENIOR USHER: Tim Ryan
USHERS:

(9:00) Connie and Donnie Graham
(11:00) Mark Potocik, Rick and Janice Rawe, LoAnn Price, Jay Schmid

OUR THANKS to Theresa Pepin for leading the Chancel Choir and serving as organist this morning while Peter Van Eenam is away.

THE BIRTH CANDLE is lit today in celebration of Isla Mackenzie Faña Harrison born on November 20 to parents Nicola Harrison and Pablo Faña and proud grandparents, John and Margaret Harrison.

GEORG PHILIPP TELEMANN, a contemporary of J. S. Bach, served as Kapellmeister in Eisenach, Bach’s birthplace. From 1721 until his death in 1767 Telemann worked in a similar capacity in Hamburg. A most prolific composer, he wrote some 40 operas, 12 complete cycles of cantatas, 44 Passions, and hundreds of orchestral and chamber works. This morning’s anthem is one of his canons, arranged in two parts with continuo accompaniment.

FLOWER DEDICATIONS FOR 2023: There are several dates still available for 2023 for flower dedications. You can sign-up on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING: The Christmas Joy Offering opens doors of opportunity for the leaders who are shaped and supported through our gifts - doors that lead to hopeful futures for young people at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Our gifts open doors that lead to relief for church workers and their families when emergency needs arise.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE starts at 12:15 in the Fellowship Hall.

THE YOUTH GROUP will load up and head downtown after play practice today to enjoy ice-cream and bowling at Marble Hall.

2022 ADVENT DEVOTIONALS are available in digital or printed versions. You can find the printed version in the Narthex or you should have received an email with the pdf version earlier this week.

THE LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE: On December 14 we will observe our longest night service with the Episcopal Church of the Ascension it is entitled, *A Grace-Filled Christmas*. It is a time when all people regardless of where they are in life, can experience the holiness of the season in a quiet, contemplative manner. The service begins at 5:30 in the chapel at the Church of the Ascension.

THE WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP is meeting on Sunday, Dec. 4 from 5-7 pm at the Buckingham Clubhouse at 7303 Manderly Way, 37909. All residents of our neighborhood are welcome to attend. We are asking folks to bring an appetizer to share and the drinks will be provided. Contact Anne Crais at or Gail Bruner at (to RSVP, please!

HARPIST CINDY EMORY will give a solo harp recital on Monday evening, November 28, at 7:30, in the sanctuary. Please come enjoy works by J. S. Bach, Albert Roussel, Marcel Tournier, and Carlos Salzedo, among others performed on the harp.
WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY will meet (evening group) at 7:00 p.m. November 28 on Zoom. Mary will send out a Zoom link prior to the meeting. Let her know if you would like to join in. The morning group meets Thursday, December 1 at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested can go out for lunch following the meeting.
ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR will be December 4. Please join us in the Schilling Gallery between worship services and/or after the 11:00 a.m. service. We will have at least 11 participants selling all kinds of wonderful things! Each vendor will be representing a certain organization/charity to which the profits will go. This is a great way of finding some very meaningful gifts during the holidays! Please note that some participants will accept credit cards as well as Venmo. Not all booths will have credit card machines, so be prepared for cash purchases.

Justice Knox "Research to Action" Kick-Off
Monday, December 5, 2022, 6:00- 8:30 pm, First Presbyterian Church
Carpools to leave WPC parking lot at 5:30pm. If you need a ride or can drive, contact Tim Crais at or text/call him at . Clergy, team leaders, and interested network members should attend. We will start with a light dinner followed by training on the research to action process. Our current issues (Gun Violence, Education, Transportation) will reconvene and our new issue (Homelessness) will begin its work. You can choose which research/issue committee to join based upon your interest at the kick-off.



THE PNC INVITES you to complete our congregational survey. Your input will help us learn more about WPC's strengths and values, and in turn will help us find a Senior Pastor that best suits the needs and concerns of the congregation. Use your smart phone’s camera to scan this image and a link will appear for you to follow to the online survey.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: We have received 127 pledges out of 254 households so far for a total of \$ 639,868.00. To compare - last year we received 167 pledges out of 273 households for a total of \$835,161. Extra pledge cards, as well as Time and Talent forms, are available in the church office if you need them.

ADVENT FLORAL DONATIONS are being accepted. There is no set amount for each dedication. A list of donations will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins as well as the *Abbey*. Donations can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the office.

I would like to contribute to the Flower Guild for Advent:

\$ _____

In memory of/honor of (circle one):

Given by: _____

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OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 27

First Sunday of Advent
9:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary
10:00 Adult Bible Study
No Youth Sunday School or Children’s Fellowship Hour
11:00 Worship in the Sanctuary
12:15 Play Practice
2:00 pm Youth Fellowship

Monday, November 28

7:00 pm - Congregational Zoom
7:00 - Cindy Emory Harp Recital
7:00 - Women’s Evening Bible Study (Zoom)

Tuesday, November 29

6:00 pm - Choristers

Wednesday, November 30

4:45 Boys and Girls Choirs
6:30 pm- Companions Group - Prayer Room
7:45 - Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 1

10:30 am Women’s Bible Study
4:30 - Brass Choir
7:00 pm - Handbell Choir

Saturday, December 3

8:00 am - Habitat Build
10:00 am Advent Decorating