

SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022 11:00 AM

CHIMING of the HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

Tune:1551
setting Aaron Shows

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?”

Melchior Teschner, 1614

✦CALL to WORSHIP

Liturgist: They who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

People: They shall mount up with wings as eagles.

Liturgist: They shall run and not be weary.

People: They shall walk and not faint.

All: Let us worship our Lord in faith, with love and joy and peace.

✦HYMN 3

Comfort, Comfort You My People

LIGHTING of the ADVENT WREATH CANDLE

Robert & Anne Howey, Caroline & Jackson

CALL to CONFESSION

PRAYER of CONFESSION (Unison)

Almighty God, we settle for false peace. We see no need to rock the boat, so we allow injustice to rule and reign. God, give us the conviction to take on the work of peace-making. Give us the courage, wisdom, and passion to bring your perfect peace into our world. May we be peacemakers, as sons and daughters of the God of true peace.
(continue in silent prayer)

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Liturgist: Oh God, fill our hearts with your sweet song of forgiveness,

People: and let our minds hear the song which our hearts then sing.

All: Forgive us, we cry! And we are forgiven. Amen.

✦RESPONSE to GOD'S FORGIVENESS *Glory Be to the Father* (Hymnal, page 579)

**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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

(see Anthem)

ANTHEM

“Creation Will be at Peace”

Chandler Bryan, tenor

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5: 9

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Peace

Elder Jon Lochner

✦HYMN 9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

✦AFFIRMATION of FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

(Hymnal, Page 14 Traditional)

PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Hymnal, Page 16)

MUSIC for DEDICATION

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PRAYER for STEWARDSHIP and DEDICATION

✦HYMN 450

O Day of Peace

CHARGE and BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“People Look East”

French Carol
setting Michael Bedford

Congregational responses are printed in bold.

✦All who are able, please stand



FAMILIES TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Martha Johnson
Mark, Beth, Daniel & Rebecca Johnson
Jon & Diane Lochner
Mary Lowe
Martha Jo Mahaffey

PASTORAL NEEDS: The Session desires to be informed when members and friends of the church are in need of pastoral care and support. During office hours, please call the church at 283-3329, to ensure the Shepherd under whose care the person or family is assigned may be notified.

Prayer Concerns

Unless a prayer request is renewed or the health condition is acute, names will stay on the prayer list for one month.

Please pray for our members: Martha Jo Mahaffey; Derek Cercena; Helen Hegler; Cindy Williams; Ann Powers; Phil Neely; Jane McNeely-Sowell; Diane Lochner; Cindy Ruh; Liz Minthorne; Lena Wallace.

Friends of the church: Annie Sue Steele; Amaryllis Boger; Robert Stephenson, Jr.; Anne Hinson; Marge Campbell; Becky McCulloch Taylor; Jonathan Perry; Frazier Baldwin; Randall Robinson; Doug Crenshaw; Henry Shute; Bruce Ridgeway; Molly Carrison; Linda DeBruycker; Betty Cauthen; Ken & Mary Esther Faile; Scott Rothrock; John Bean.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: November 27, 2022 – December 03, 2022

Sunday	9:45am	Christian Education
	11:00am	Worship
Monday	7:00am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	6:00pm	Boy & Girl Scouts
Wednesday	10:00am	Chancel Choir
	6:00pm	Jubilant Ringers

ATTENDANCE: Worship – 45 Live Stream Worship - 12 Men's Prayer Breakfast – 23

BIRTHDAYS: 30 Glenn Simpson

OUR GIVING REPORT

	<u>11/20/22</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Amount Budgeted	\$ 3,990.00	\$ 187,530.00
Amount Received	<u>2,035.00</u>	<u>191,551.63</u>
	\$ <u>(1,955.00)</u>	\$ <u>4,021.63</u>

CAPITAL FUND 2022: Gifts Received: \$18,640.00; Gifts Pledged: \$3,200.00

OFFERING PLATES are located inside the sanctuary doors on pedestals.

WE WELCOME VISITORS. Please fill in the visitor card (located in the pew pocket) and drop into the offering plate. Thank you for worshipping with us at First Presbyterian.

Living God's Word, Sharing God's Love

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. We are centered in the worship of God and bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. As Christ's disciples we strive to build vibrant lives, strong families and a fellowship in which members care for and love one another and together seek the well-being of our city, state and world.

The **COLOR** of the **PARAMENT** is **PURPLE** which symbolizes preparation, penitence and royalty to welcome the new King. The purple of Advent is also the color of suffering used during Lent and Holy Week. This points to an important connection between Jesus' birth and death. Advent is the beginning of the Church Year; this season begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day and ends on Christmas Eve. The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST meets each week, with the next meeting being held on **Monday, November 28th** beginning just before **7:00am** in the Fellowship Hall. *See you there!*
Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? Matthew 6: 27

HANGING OF THE GREENS will be held **next Sunday, December 4th** during worship. This service is in preparation of Christ's coming, which includes hanging greenery traditionally associated with everlasting life. This year's Hanging of the Greens service includes new lessons on the meaning of Advent, the Advent wreath and the nativity scene. **Plan to attend and invite a friend!**

MISSION MATTERS. We have the opportunity to provide Christmas gifts for residents of White Oak Manor that have no family. Take a slip of paper from the cork board in the narthex and buy the items recommended. Please do not gift wrap. Bring them with the slips by **Sunday, December 11th.** We are glad to serve those in our community who have no family during this season.

LESSONS & CAROLS. Our Service of *Lessons and Carols* is a special time of worship, telling the story of the coming of the Christ child through Scripture and music. Scripture from the Old and New Testaments tell of our need for saving grace and how 'the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.' Music lifts our hearts to God as we prepare for the advent of Jesus anew in our lives. Plan to worship on Sunday, **December 11th** as we glorify God through *Lessons and Carols*.

POINSETTIAS are offered in memory/honor at \$13/each. Forms are available in the narthex and at the back entrance. **ORDERS ARE DUE TODAY.**

The **2023 FLOWER CALENDER** is on the bulletin board in the hallway across from the church office. Take a moment to sign up to place flowers in the sanctuary or call the office to reserve a date.

