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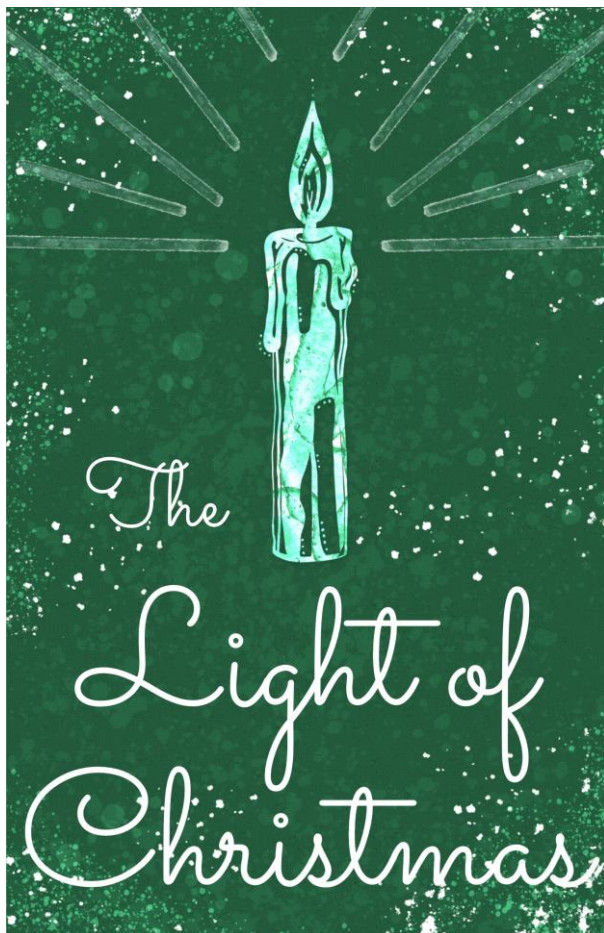
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November 27, 2022



In him was life, and that life
was the light of all
mankind. The light shines in
the darkness, and the darkness
has not overcome it.

~John 1:4-5 NIV~



Those who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne and
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

T. Matthews

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 95:1-7)

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;

People: let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving

and extol him with music and song.

For the LORD is the great God,

the great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth,

and the mountain peaks belong to him.

The sea is his, for he made it,

and his hands formed the dry land.

Come, let us bow down in worship,

let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

for he is our God

and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

SONG OF DEVOTION

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Chancel Choir

Rodgers & Wyse

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of Israel, with expectant hearts we your people await Christ's coming. As once he came in humility, so now may he come in glory, that he may make all things perfect in your everlasting kingdom. For he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

- **GREETING**
- **SONGS OF PRAISE**

Here I Am to Worship

How Great is Our God

CALL TO CONFESSION (based on Psalm 139:23-24)

The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me and lead me in the way

everlasting. We express our longing for God's leading by our own transparent confession.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Merciful God, always with us, always coming: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent.

People: We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God.

Leader: Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us.

Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (1 John 1:5-9)

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

HYMN

245 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (v. 1 & 4)

MORNING PRAYERS

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, amen.

HYMN

#12 *Praise Him! Praise Him!*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory *Of the Father's Begotten Love*
13th Century Plainsong

- *Doxology*

And Blessing (remain standing and hold hands)

SCRIPTURE READING: John 1:1-18

SERMON: "The Light of Christmas "

Pastor Bryan Kunz

LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST

SONG OF RESPONSE

#244 *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

- BENEDICTION
- ORGAN RESPONSE
- POSTLUDE

Joys and Concerns

- **The family of Bea Lebuda**, who died 11/19/2022
- **The family of Mary Vajgert**, who died 11/16/2022 in Branson
- **Yasuyo Smith**, who is recovering from a fall
- **Lola Rinnan**, as she recovers from an obstruction in her stomach

Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **Margaret Fehrle, Susan Lawyer, Bill Eilers, Mindy Tullis, Marilyn Sanderson, Marissa** - Kelsey McKibben's cousin, **Rose Elsbecker, Audrey Bailey, Christy Hardacre** - Carolyn Wilkinson's daughter, **Barry Bryant, Reena Pearson, Sue Pelong** - Bert Tice's sister, **Sophie Attiogbe continued recovery**
- **Carissa King**, as she serves in Guatemala
- Peace in **Ukraine** and throughout the world
- **Missionaries** supported by First Presbyterian Church
- **ChildVoice**, their mission to transform the lives of war-affected children in Uganda and Nigeria

Please pray for everyone on our list! Thank you for keeping us informed about joys and concerns. Remember, hospitalized members and friends don't always get on the list at the hospital. We'd rather get several calls than none! Phone the church at 753-5929

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Please let us know if you'd like the **prayer chain** activated.

Worship Leader today: Richie Ritter

Next Sunday: _____

Greeters today: _____

Next Sunday: Chuck & Karen Colwell

Deacons today: Paul & Karin Podhajsky

Next Sunday: Pat & Nancy Kremer

Fellowship Hosts: Dick & Barb McBride

Next Sunday: Don & Ruth Feld

Nursery today: Deb Williams & _____

Next Sunday: Deb Williams & Rhonda Buzbee & Lily

Cup Washers today: Dick & Barb McBride

Next Sunday: _____

Donuts today: Terry & Rhonda Buzbee

Next Sunday: Josh & Allison Grosvenor

AV Tech today: Diane Broshar

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Announcements

Altar flowers today are poinsettias for Advent.

On the presbytery's prayer list for this week is **East Friesland Presbyterian Church**, Ackley, and **First Presbyterian Church**, Steamboat Rock, and Lynn Arends, CRE.

Soup and Sing will be Wednesday, Dec. 8th. Serving for the soup will start at 5:15 p.m. Caroling groups will leave at 6:00 p.m. and return to the church for hot chocolate, hot apple cider, cookies, and bars. Everyone is invited. If you don't want to carol you are still welcome to come eat and visit. There is a sign-up for food donations for the evening in the narthex. Please join us!

The Alternative Gift Fair will run through December 18th. Please make checks payable to Sarah Circle. See insert for details.

A special offering to Presbyterian Disaster Relief for Hurricane Ian relief in Florida will be held December 4th. Please write "PDA – hurricane" on the memo line of your check.

The children's Christmas program will be Sunday, December 18th following worship. The M & I Committee will serve a dinner after the program. Plan to stay for this annual treat!



Calendar for This Week Nov. 27 – Dec. 4, 2022

SUNDAY

First Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 AM Worship – in person and online
- 10:15 AM Sunday school – all ages

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

- 5:30 PM M & I Committee
- 6:30 PM Bell Choir
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir
- 8:30 PM Praise Team

THURSDAY

- 8:30 AM Flapjacks @ Embers

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

- 7:30 AM Men's Group – Fellowship Hall & Zoom

NEXT SUNDAY

Second Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 AM Worship – in person and online
- 10:15 AM Sunday school – all ages
- 6:00 PM Youth Night
- HS Youth

Members in mission, making a difference

Pastor
Secretary/Newsletter Editor
Organist
Pianist
Custodian
Nursery

Rev. Bryan Kunz
Michelle Wilkinson
Wynona Anderson
Marsha Bristley
Debbie Armstrong
Deb Williams

Session Elders

Steve Anderson
Terry Buzbee
Amy Drummer
Don Feld
Pat Hemming
Ashley Johnson

Greg Brown
Doug Cooper
Sarah Erikson
Dave Freel
Tedra Henze
Angie Pietig

Deacons

Tim & Deanna Bell
Jim Grimmus
Jackie Hughes
Barb McBride
Keith & Diane Oleson
Paul & Karin Podhajsky
Roberta Tice

Doug & Jinita Boyd
Ruth Feld
Pat & Nancy Kremer
Brenda Miller
Carole Permar
Terri Rottink

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