



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**First Presbyterian Church
Parkersburg, WV**

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December 4, 2022 - 10:30 a.m.

Sharing the Life of the Church



CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE COFFEE HOUR

Be sure to stop by the Harris Room today at 10 a.m., and again following the 10:30 worship, for a special Christmas Coffee Hour hosted by the Presbyterian Women. There will be lots of delicious goodies.

Advent Wreath - The beautiful new Advent wreath that you see in the Sanctuary this Advent season was donated by the Presbyterian Women in honor and memory of Gladys Watson.

Bible Studies Available

- ♦ With Pastor Annie, each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., **ending December 21** - a book study of *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes*; in Room 124
- ♦ With Amy Rogers, each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., **ending January 11** - a Bible study based on the book *Seamless*; in Room 123

HOLIDAY GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

- † **Deacons Gifts of Christmas** - Cards and small gifts for Care Families. See display in foyer for address and gift lists; leave donations by December 16.
- † **Presbyterian Women** - New gloves, mittens, hats and scarves for Christmas Dinner attendees. Place on "Warm & Fuzzy" tree in the foyer.
- † **Presbyterian Women** - Kitchen towels, dish cloths and potholders. Place donations under tree in Harris Room.

† **Sneakers** for Parkersburg South High School students; gently-used sneakers (mostly men's sizes). Leave donations in marked box in the foyer.

† **Community Christmas Dinner** - See the signup sheet in the foyer for a list of items needed and ways to volunteer.

† **Mission Committee** - Hygiene items for Christmas Dinner attendees. Leave donations at display outside the church office. List of requested items available

Volunteer Recognition Forms - If you would like to nominate a church volunteer for recognition, pick up a Nomination Form in the foyer and return to the church office no later than **January 8**.

Star Words Sunday - on **January 1** we will observe the tradition of Star Words during our 10:30 worship service. Anyone who would like to share a brief account (3 minutes) of their use of a Star Word during the year please see or contact Kelly Beckett, 304-991-3613 or kellybeckett@gmail.com.

Lunch and Q&A - On **Sunday, January 8**, following our 10:30 worship, we will share a light lunch in the Harris Room, followed by a Q&A with Ed Thompson who will be filling our pulpit that day. He will converse with us about the recent failed amendments at the Presbytery's Fall Stated Meeting, and the future of the church. If you would like to participate, please sign up no later than **January 1** at the table in the foyer so that we may plan lunch purchases.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Preparation for Worship

Sharing the Life of the Church

Deacons: Christmas for Care Families

Barbara Lucas

Prelude

Love Came Down at Christmas

Rossetti/Harris

Lighting the Advent Candle

Morgan James and family

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

Holy God, you are the source of love.

You are the joy that runs deep and wide underneath all of life.

You are the one that helps us reach out in love,

especially to those whose fear makes it hard for them to love.

Help us when our fear gets in the way of joining the chorus of joy.

Let us repeat the sounding joy in our hearts this day.

Let us repeat the sounding joy in our church this day.

*Let us repeat the sounding joy in the world this day
in the name of Love. Amen.*

*Hymn 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
vv. 1, 6 and 7

VENI EMMANUEL

Children's Time

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*God who is with us, and God who is on the way,
through long generations you prepared a way
for the coming of your Son,
and by your Spirit you still bring light
to illumine our paths.*

Yet we live far too much in darkness and fear.

*Those who are able, please stand.

*We have let the fears invade the very center of our lives
and find ourselves changing,
moving from your light to the darkness of despair.
Forgive us, patient and merciful God.
Give us courage and strength to cast the chaff from our lives
and offer to you our true selves.
May we watch for you with confidence and joy. Amen.*

SILENCE for personal confession ...

Words of Assurance and Pardon

Listen to the sound of the waters and remember that
in baptism you have been marked as a beloved child of God.
Though the darkness seems deep, do not fear.
God's love is being poured out for you, always.
In the love of Jesus Christ, you are loved forever.
Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Response

Hymn 581

Glory Be to the Father

Glory to God

GLORIA PATRI

***Ritual of Friendship**

May the loving joy of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Exchange words of love, joy and greetings with those around you.

GROWING

Special Music

Love Divine

arr. Clarence Kohlmann

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, by the gift of your Holy Spirit
lead us out of our fears and into the knowledge of your love.
Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days,
and walk with us until the day of your coming;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture

Isaiah 11:1-10
The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

p. 491

Scripture

Matthew 3:1-15

p. 682

The gospel of the Lord
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon**“REPEAT THE SOUNDING: LOVING JOY”**

Rev. Annie McMillan

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;
 he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand
 of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come
 to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
 the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.*

CARING**The Offering**

Oh How He Loves You and Me

Kurt Kaisers

*The Doxology

Hymn 606

Glory to God

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication**Prayers of the People****The Sacrament of Holy Communion**The InvitationThe Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy Living God, creator of all heaven and nature...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...

...with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,
now and forever. ***Amen.***

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;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.***

Breaking of the Bread and the Communion of the People

*Communion servers will pass out the elements - please remain seated.
Gluten-free is available.*

Prayer after Communion

GOING

*Hymn 121	O Little Town of Bethlehem	ST. LOUIS
*Benediction and Sending Forth		
The Postlude	Redeeming Love	Ronn Huff

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Beadle - *Connor Buchanan*
 Liturgist - *Justin Bosley*
 Sound Technician - *Matt Buchanan*
 Guest Musician - *Jason Wyers*

*Thanks to Jane Kincheloe for providing
 the organ music for our hymns.*

Next week, the Third Sunday of Advent,
 we continue our Advent Worship Series
 “Heaven and Nature Sing! Over 300 Years of Joy to the World.”

Theme for December 11: “Make the Blessings Known: Unabashed Joy”

Scriptures: Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 1:46b-55

Prayer List – Remember the following in your prayers:

Marianne Mason	Family of Don Harper	Brad Carter
Ruth Ann Huddle	Wayne & Carol Sanders	Katy Stephens
Judy Stephens	Melanie Thompson	Mary Slater
Bernice Lemley	Becky Holdren & family	Doris Dunn
Doug Anderson	Roy Clark & Family	Mysti Ruble
Charlotte Johnson	Megan Dougherty	Brook Hurt
Denise Fragale	Homebound Members	Matt Null
Michael Hocking	Troops – World Peace	Bill Niday

*Those who are able, please stand.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today, December 4 **Second Sunday of Advent**

Communion

8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel

9:30 a.m. Bell Rehearsal - Bell Room

10:00 a.m. **PW Open House Coffee Hour - Harris Room**

10:15 a.m. - Coffee with the Pastor

10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. PW Open House Coffee Hour - Harris Room

Monday, December 5

5:00 p.m. Deacons Potluck & Meeting - Home of Becky
& Jim McGinnis

6:00 p.m. KOM Knitters Guild - Harris Room

Wednesday, December 7

5:30 p.m. The Gathering - Stevenson Hall

6:30 p.m. Advent Book Study (Pastor Annie) - Room 124

6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Amy Rogers) - Room 123

Thursday, December 8

6:00 p.m. Cub Scout pack meeting - Rooms 123 & 124

7:15 p.m. Troop 3 Boy Scouts - Scout House

Saturday, December 9

8:30 a.m. Saturday Stewards

12:00 p.m. HA Meeting - Room 123

6:00 p.m. Parkersburg Pride event - Stevenson Hall

Sunday, December 11 *Third Sunday of Advent*

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Reception of new members

11:30 a.m. Dedication of butterfly - Front Garden

Reception for new members and

Rev. Patricia Jarvis - Harris Room