



First Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

November 28, 2021

Early Service - 8:15 am

Sunday School - 9:10 - 10:10

Late Service - 10:30 am

1st Sunday of Advent

Gathered As God's People

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599

J.S. Bach

Ellen Ludwig 8:15

Jim Ross 10:30

The Lighting of the Candles of Advent
(10:30) Brian, Rachel, Lilly and Knox Allred

*Hymn #134

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,

**You set before us the way of goodness and beacon us to follow you,
but we disregard your teachings and disobey your word.**

**You call people of every land to dwell in harmony,
but we sow division and harvest discord.**

**You command us to craft tools that sustain life,
but we cling to weapons that destroy.**

Forgive us, Lord.

Your creation yearns for wholeness.

Your people long for peace.

**Keep us every watchful and awaken us to your way
as we wait for the light of the world.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen. (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

**Gloria #581*

*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.*

(Children through age five may leave the sanctuary for Children's Activity Time following the Gloria and they may be picked up in the nursery after the 10:30 worship service)

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

OT p. 738

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Interlude (8:15)

Prelude on Jesu, meine Freude

J.L. Krebs

Anthem (10:30)

Christ is the World's True Light

W.K. Stanton

Christ is the world's true light; its captain of salvation. The day-star clear and bright of every race and nation. New life, new hope awakes for all who own his sway. Freedom her bondage breaks and night is turned to day. In Christ all peoples meet; their ancient feuds forgetting. The whole round world complete from sunrise to its setting. When Christ is throned as Lord, all shall forsake their fear. To ploughshare beat the sword, to pruning hook the spear. One Lord in one great name unites us all who own thee. Cast out our pride and shame that hinder to en-throne thee. The world has waited long; has travailed long in pain. To heal its ancient wrong, come prince of peace and reign.

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 3: 1-11

NT p. 2-3

Sermon

Preparing for the Journey

Rev. Dr. Mark Mueller

Responding To God's Word

*Hymn #140

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

*Affirmation of Faith (The Apostle's 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.**

Prayers of the People and 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

Offertory (8:15)

Chorale on Jesu, meine Freude

J.L. Krebs

Offertory (10:30)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Elliot Goodwin

O come, o come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel that mourns in lonely exile here until the son of God appear. Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, o Israel. O come the Lord's anointed, come. All hail to thee, thou David's son. Thy kingdom here on earth to bring eternal praise to thee we sing. O come thou sun of righteousness and here on earth thy people bless. Thy kingdom come from shore to shore; rule thou our hearts forever more.

**Doxology #607*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #113

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

Benediction

Postlude

Gottes Sohn ist Kommen, vs. 1

J.G. Walther

*Please stand as able

Acolytes: Sarah Ann & Perry Crichton

Flowers in the sanctuary are to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ruth Green, Babs Green, David Green and Dale Carter given by their family.

Please sign the red friendship pad at the end of each pew, so we will know who is worshipping with us today.

Upcoming Dates:

December 3th &4th - Christmas Tour

December 4th - Christmas Parade, Fellowship Committee serving hot chocolate

December 12th - Handbells Playing at late service

December 13th - Handbells playing at Pleasant Heights Baptist Church

December 15th - Children's Pageant

December 19th - Lesson & Carols

December 24th - Christmas Eve Service at 5:30

December 26th - One Service at 10:30 - No Sunday School

Advent is a time to draw near to God. A season set aside to prepare for the celebration of the coming of God's son. It is a time to prepare and remember, through prayer, reflections, and good deeds the true meaning of Jesus' birth.

The Christian Education Committee has placed Advent Devotionals in the Narthex and the Gathering Space to help guide you during this Advent season.

Care List

The **Care list** is a list of members and friends who are sick, bereaved, or celebrating a happy occasion. After reading their names, you may want to write a short message to someone on the list.

Our Prayers... Barbara Barlar (mother of Janet McAlister), Joe Pugh (brother of Ann Lewis), Gloria Bryson (mother of Ellen Ludwig), Bob Sweeney, Imogene Nelson, Greg Baxter, Lynn Carroll (father of Margaret Piper), Sue Chiles, Joe Graham III, Will Green, Waymon Hickman, Cathy Krenz (sister of Mary McClanahan), Steve and Gary Rampley (brothers of Betty Sloan), Keith Vandegrift and Lana Bell (our missionaries in Guatemala). Kristin Gwaltney (niece of Jennie Grace Jewell).

Dates to Remember

Today: 8:15 Early Service
9:10 - 10:10 Sunday School
10:30 Late Service

Wednesday: 10:00-12:00 Disciple Bible Study in the Fellow Ship Hall
1:00 Staff Meeting
Wonderful Wednesday
4:30-5:00 Youth Music
5:00-5:30 Ready, Set, Worship (K-2nd Grade)
Children's Choir (3rd-5th Grade)
Hangin' with Homework (Youth)
5:30-6:15 Fellowship Dinner for All
6:15-7:00 Pathfinders (3rd-5th Grade)
Children's Choir (K-2nd Grade)
Youth
Adult Bible Study
7:00-8:00 Adult Choir

Friday & Saturday: Downtown Christmas Tour 9:00-4:00

Saturday: Fellowship Committee serving hot chocolate at the Christmas Parade

ANGEL TREE is back! We are partnering with the Family Center to provide Christmas gifts to children in the Columbia area. Pick up your Angel in the Gathering area starting Monday, November 15th. Please note the directions that are printed on the Angel card that you select. Please do not wrap your gift as the parents have a shopping day to select what they want for their child/children. Return your gift directly to the Family Center, 921 S Beckett Street, Columbia, TN. Gifts need to be returned by December 10th. Thank you for supporting and spreading joy for the children of Columbia.

Wonderful Wednesday Dinner: Please make dinner reservations no later than Monday at noon, by calling the church office or filling out the reservation card located in the back of your pew. We need three volunteers each week to make a dessert. If you would like to make a dessert, please call Renea in the church office. Our guest cook this month is Karen Vest who is making her hearty Brunswick Stew for us. Fruit Salad and Cornbread will complete the menu. The children's table will have pizza and fruit. It is important to know how many will be eating the children's menu—regardless of age. Please indicate that information when you make your reservation.

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