

First Presbyterian Church

November 27, 2022

1st Sunday of Advent

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Give us ears to hear, O God, and eyes to watch, that we may know your presence in our midst during this holy season of joy as we anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prelude

Welcome

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Introit

Call to Worship

Leader: God of justice and peace, from the heavens, you rain down mercy and kindness,

All: that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder before your marvelous deeds.

Leader: Raise our heads in expectation, that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord

All: and stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Hymn: #488

“The God of Abraham Praise ”

Call to Confession

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weakness, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in the time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

Prayer of Confession

Unexpected God, your advent alarms us. Wake us from drowsy worship, from the sleep that neglects love, and the sedative of misdirected frenzy. Awaken us now to your coming, and bend our angers into your peace. Amen.

Silent Prayer (*Please continue to pray in silence [wait ten seconds or so] Amen.*)

Assurance of Pardon

With the coming of Christ, God has given us the gift of forgiveness, even seventy times seven. God reaches out to offer us new life, a new day, a chance to begin again — loved and beautiful, even as on the first day of creation. Believe the promise of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Gloria Patri #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.

Anthem Introduction-Pastor Jim

Anthem

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Dear Lord, in the silence of our hearts, the listening of our ears, and the wisdom of our minds, may the word become Word for us, in Christ's name and by his power. Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

Second Lesson: Luke 1:68-79

Sermon: "We Prepare the Way for Jesus"

Moment for Silent Meditation

...in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Hymn: #2

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

The Offering

Call for the Offering

The Offertory

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Announcements, Celebrations, and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #5

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response #586

Amen

Postlude