

## First Presbyterian Church

November 28, 2021

1st Sunday of Advent

**Silent Prayer of Preparation:** Eternal God, 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. Renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love, as Lord of lords and King of kings, to whom be glory always. Amen.

### Prelude

*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

### Welcome

*The Lord be with you. And also with you.*

### Introit

#### Call to Worship (Psalm 25)

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. In you I put my trust.

**All: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.**

Leader: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of salvation.

**All: According to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!**

Leader: Let us worship God!

### Hymn #1

*“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath – Kate Zweigart and Dave Harnish

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. (*one purple candle is lit*)  
Advent means coming. We are preparing ourselves for the days when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

**Great Deliverer, we entrust to you our confession of sin. We are easily discouraged when our good deeds do not make things better. We fear harm to ourselves if we take too firm a stand. Portents of danger arise about us, and we doubt the future you have promised. We close our eyes to the signs and live for the moment. God, in Christ, forgive our cowardice and blindness, for the sake of him who endured the cross for us.**

### Silent Prayer

#### Assurance of Pardon

*The words of the psalmist remind us that the Lord is upright and good. God instructs sinners in the way of righteousness and leads the humble along paths of steadfast love. So wait upon God all the day long, abide in the covenant, and rely on the truth: God is our salvation and worthy of trust.*

## **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.**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

**Anthem**                      *“Prepare for the Coming of the Lord”*                      LLOYD LARSON

**First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

**Second Lesson: Mark 1:1-11**

**Sermon: “Christmas at Mark’s House”**

**Minute for Stewardship** – Mr. Taylor Wood

**Hymn #5**                                      *“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”*

## **The Offering**

Offertory                                      *“Elevation on a Noël”*

## *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** (*concluding with 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.**

**Hymn #9**                                      *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

## **Benediction**

**Benediction Response #586**

*Amen*

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**A - men. A - men. A - men.**

## **Postlude**

*“Sussex Carol”*

## Worship Team

Pastor – Jim Dougans  
Liturgist – Joey O’Cull  
Song Leader and Musician – Nicholas Denham  
Organist – Kristen Gallenstein  
Head Usher – Dave Harnish  
Greeter – Kate Zweigart

Videographer – Alex Wood  
Bell-Ringers – David Harnish, Mike Denham and Kenny Ross  
Incident Commander – Taylor Wood  
Webmaster – Bette Sledd  
Nursery – Emily Wood  
Secretary/Bookkeeper – Gwen Tuel  
Custodian – Jennifer Prudente

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Welcome!

Happy Advent!

We direct our hearts and our worship now toward the coming of Jesus at Christmas and at the end of time.

**MAILING ADDRESS CHANGE FOR CHURCH:** We are no longer using a post office box. We now have a mailbox at the church. The address is 21 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Maysville, KY 41056. Thank you!

**Session Meeting:** Session will meet next on **Monday, December 20, 2021.**

**Wi-fi Password:** 21W3rdSt for First Presbyterian

**Pastor Jim Dougan's cell number:** 317-513-8229

**Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, **December 1<sup>st</sup>** at **6:00 p.m.**

**Adult Sunday School Class** meets in the fellowship hall at **9:30 a.m.**

**No Presbyterian Women's Evening Circle Bible Study on December 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**Called Congregational Meeting** (G-1.0502 and G-1.0503a) The Session is calling a congregational meeting for Sunday, **December 12, 2021**, following worship solely for the purpose of electing officers.

**Revised Safety Protocols:** For all services, First Presbyterian Church will observe the safety protocols outlined by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and Transylvania Presbytery.

- Hand sanitizer will be available.
- Pews and other surfaces will be properly cleaned.
- Wear masks.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries:** Andrew & Beth Wood (November 28); Barbara Fernandes (November 29); Andre Fernandes (December 3); Bill & Sallie McNeill (December 4)

**Poinsettia Orders:** Poinsettias this year are \$15 each. Please fill out the order form and return it to the office with your check by **December 10<sup>th</sup>**. Please put "poinsettia" on the memo line of your check. Thank you!

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**Margaret's Angel Tea** will be held on **Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.** Anyone who wishes to help please be here at 8:30 a.m. Reservations should be in by **December 6<sup>th</sup>**. Please call the church at 606-564-3639 to make your reservation. Thank you!

**Fellowship on December 12<sup>th</sup>** following church service. Angel Tea goodies will be served.

**Christmas Family Gifts and Christmas Dinner:** See sign-up sheets in the fellowship hall for the family we are adopting this Christmas — providing gifts (clothes and toys). All gifts need to be wrapped and brought to the church office by **December 15<sup>th</sup>**. There is also a sign-up sheet for their Christmas Dinner. Thanks as always for your generosity.

**Christmas Potluck Dinner** will be held on **Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.** Bring side dishes and desserts. Meat and drinks will be provided. Santa Claus will be here at **6:30 p.m.**

**Offerings:** You may mail your checks to **21 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.,** Maysville KY 41056, if you wish to mail in your offerings or you may pay by credit or debit card through a link on the church's website: [www.maysvillepresbyterian.org](http://www.maysvillepresbyterian.org). Thank you!

**Mailing addresses:**

Carl & Liz Berry: Maysville Nursing & Rehab, 620 Parker Rd., Maysville, KY 41056

Jackie Zweigart: 1455 Kenton Pointe Way, Suite 206, Maysville, KY 41056

Ted Willim: c/o Valerie Rabung, 18135 Telegraph Springs Rd, Purcellville, VA 20132

Mary Denny: Kenton Pointe Assisted Living, 1455 Kenton Pointe Way, Maysville, KY 41056

Grace Yunker asked that I share the good news of Phillip's surgery yesterday. It went very well and he should be home on Friday!

***Remember in your thoughts and prayers***

Robert Allen	Jim Shires
Melissa Alley	Kenedy Hope Maze
Jean Black	Jae Jett
Rick & Sandy McCall	Drew Carrigan
Hailee Carter	Daniel Tumlin
Baby Audrey Arrasmith & parents	Dorothy Milliken
Caiti Franklin	Christopher Litzinger
Betty Wood	Jake Wenz
Mike Franklin	Dee Werline
Dara Mishea Gardner	Monti Mallow
Justin Lawler	Children in CASA program
Michael King	Covid-19 victims
Joseph Greenwell	Dave Byce
Neal Harper	Nicholasville Steering Committee
Linda Helton	Limestone Ministerial Association & CCMC
Kay Hirt	Helena United Methodist Church & Pastor John Hill
Viola Snapp	Pastor Chad Currant
Missy Hendrickson	Marjorie Taylor
Jeff McElfresh	Mason County Schools
Shannon Hart	People of Haiti
Lisa Hart	Tad Griffiths
Mike Wallingford	Jamie McFarland
Larry Howell (COVID)	Whitley Prichard Hiles (cancer)
Carol Marnell	Billie Smith
Meagan Brannon and Family	Cathy Denham
Phillip Yunker	Krisoffer Thule (Yngvild Poe's brother)
Todd Ruckle and Family	Family of Russell Chandler, Jr.
Aiden Campbell	Our military
Carl Berry	Missionaries kidnapped in Haiti
Donny Prudente	Stockton Wood
Suzette Goss-Geffrard & husband Willys	Pastor Elizabeth Smith
People of Venezuela	Irene Horn
Laura Leigh & Bill Summers & 3-yr old Wiley (Wiley has Covid)	Family of Kaye Hirt
Andre Isabel	
Will Savage	
JoAnne Siders	