

THE PEOPLE GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC & THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME Patrick LaPierre, Greeting Elder
Please Stand And Greet Your Neighbors!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive)

One: The day foretold is coming,
Many: When our bitter mouths will drink new wine,
God's cup raised high at the kingdom's table.

One: The one foretold is coming.
Many: Whose bread will be broken in deepest gloom:
a last supper shared on a silent night!

One: The day is at hand!
Many: World, feast! The savior draws near!

* **PRAYER OF INVOCATION FOR THE INDWELLING OF THE SPIRIT**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Mark Brackett; Porter and Penelope

* **SACRED MUSIC** #112 "On Christmas Night" NPH

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

God who removes disaster from us, God who turns away enemies of fear and turmoil, God who rejoices over us with gladness, renew us with the lasting peace of your love. In the name of Christ. Amen.

* **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

* **PROFESSION OF FAITH** (Unison) **Apostles' Creed**
(Inside Cover of the Hymnal)

* **GLORIA EXCELSIS** (Unison, Refrain of "Angels We Have Heard On High")

* **THE PEACE** (Response: "And also with you.")



PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 4:4-7 Pg. 198 NT

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

No Church School Today, Children To Remain.

SERMON "Rejoicing In The Lord...ALWAYS"
Rev. Michael P. Catanzaro

* **SACRED MUSIC** #147 "The First Nowell" NPH

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

(Wave to your neighbors, and those joining via the live-stream.)

OFFERING

(Offerings may be placed in the collection basket at the top of the stairs as you exit the sanctuary following the worship.)

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER, PRAYER OF DEDICATION & LORD'S PRAYER

(Debts & Debtors; Inside Cover of the Hymnal.)

* **ADVENT DOXOLOGY** (To the tune of "O Come, O Come")

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye Heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Praise God! From whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all Creatures here below! Amen.

* **SACRED MUSIC** #123 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" NPH

* **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "The Birthday of a King" Doug Wingerath

* **Congregation standing; as each person desires.**

The members and friends of The First Presbyterian Church on the Park are hereby called to a meeting of the congregation and corporation immediately following worship on Sunday December 15th.

We will remain in the sanctuary so others may join the meeting via the stream.

PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

We remember in prayer Mark and Nancy Brown, Carolyn O'Connor, Bill and Karen Parker, Rich Grayson, Alice Poole, Shirley Norton, Lew Shepard, Marilyn Coir, Christa Lyon, Nick Scelzi, Vern and Arvilla Aldous, Rich Denison, Scott McLain (father of Vicki), Nancy and Mark Brown, the Basford/Rodee Family, Josh Holbrook, Colleen Grant, Mary Theisen, Shirley Degouf-Brassard, Pam Constantine (sister of Barry Walch), Else Brown, Bill Parker's sister Rose Ann Manfredi, Janet Favro, Jody Upton and all who are ill in hospitals, nursing homes or at home; those serving our nation and their families who support them; parents raising children and children caring for parents.

Director of Music/Pianist Dr. Meagan Dissinger
Church School Director: Andrea Montgomery
Office Coordinator: Christy Dekay

Masks are welcome but not required, distance as you are comfortable.

The password for our church wifi network is: Lakew00d4331a

Password for the Zoom fellowship call at 11:30 a.m. is 3862570

Virtual fellowship via Zoom will take place at 11:30 a.m.

AT OUR CHURCH THIS WEEK

- Sunday 12/15/24 - In-Person and Live-Stream Worship (10 a.m.)
 - Noisy Can Offering
 - Name Tag Sunday
 - Newsletter Deadline
 - Congregational Meeting (following worship)
- Monday, 12/16/24 - Session Meeting (7 p.m.)
- Sunday 12/22/24 - In-Person and Live-Stream Worship (10 a.m.)
 - Service of Lessons and Carols

Birthdays: Evan Poole (Today); Colin Montgomery (Tuesday); Sarah Melville, Pat McGuire (Wednesday); Kristin McKie (Thursday); Dale Grant (Friday); Dr. Mark Erickson, Lance Erickson (Saturday)

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The Third Sunday of Advent - JOY

(First two Candles are lit.)

Reader 1: We have lit again the two candles
in our Advent wreath, to remind us
of God's gifts of hope and peace.

Today we will light the third candle, the pink one,
representing joy.

Reader 2: As we wait for Christmas, the birth of
Jesus, we look forward to the joyful celebrations
we will share with those we love.

The prophet Zephaniah calls us to shout for joy,
because God will gather together all people
and renew them in love.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem,
the angel told the shepherds not to be afraid.
The angels brought "good news of a great joy,
which shall be to all people."

The good news of Jesus' birth and
the promise of Peace are still
"tidings of great joy" for us today.

Reader 1: Paul reminds Christians,
"Rejoice in God always."

The third candle reminds us
of our joy in Jesus Christ.

(Third candle is lit.)

Given in Loving Memory:

Debbie Darou

by Olivia Sullivan

Arthur Christopher

by John and Mary Christopher

Loved Ones

by Alice Poole

Anne S. Goetze

by John A. Goetze

Mary Jo Whalen

by a neighbor

Elsie Dana

by Kathy Dana Gibson and Jeannie Dana Lewis

Eleanor and Raymond Erickson; Jane Erickson

by the Erickson Brothers

Evelyn Cassara and Anastasia Nestor; Coach Richard Nestor

by Richard M. Cassara

Ivy Boswell

by Patience, Cameron & Aubrey Boswell

Sally and Robert Quinell

by Michelle Quinell-Gayle and Andrea Montgomery

George, Vicki, and Kurt Brown; Elsie Brown, Annie-Laurie
and Victor Virkler, and Edith Schwartz

by Barb Brown

Nick Baffaro; Carlene Baffaro; Jeff Baffaro

by Jan Moore

D.J. Witherhead; Frank and Alice VanDerstyne;

John and Ginny Witherhead

by the Witherhead Family



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 & 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.

ADVENT DOXOLOGY

To the tune of "O Come, O Come Emanuel"

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Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye Heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Praise God!
From whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all Creatures here below! 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.