

## THE PEOPLE GATHER

### **GATHERING MUSIC & THE RINGING OF THE BELL**

**WELCOME** Joe Montgomery, Greeting Elder  
*Please Stand And Greet Your Neighbors!*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**“WHITE CHRISTMAS”** A Gift from the Men of the Church

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive)

One: The day foretold is coming,

Many: When our deafened ears will hear a choir,  
a heavenly host proclaiming peace!

One: The one foretold is coming.

Many: Whose cry will pierce the deepest gloom:  
a newborn’s wail in the silent night!

One: The day is at hand!

Many: World, listen! The Savior draws near!

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

### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

James and Anna Eller; Alina, Walter, Jane, and Maryanne

\* **SACRED MUSIC** #119 “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” NPH

\* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Under the burden of what imprisons us, we forget that you, O God, began a good work in your creation of us. We overlook your intention to carry that good work to completion. Remind us of the fullness of your grace. Through 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** Psalm 33 (Selected)

### **CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SHOWCASE**

\* **SACRED MUSIC** #110 “Love Has Come” 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 who 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** #115 “Away In a Manger”

\* **CHARGE & BLESSING**

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

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

*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  
Church School Director:  
Office Coordinator:

Dr. Meagan Dissinger  
Andrea Montgomery  
Christy Dekay

**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 12/8/24
- In-Person and Live-Stream Worship (10 a.m.)
  - Church School Christmas Showcase
  - Men Sing White Christmas
  - Potluck Lunch (11 a.m. FH)
- Monday 12/9/24
- Poinsettia Order Deadline
- 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)

**Birthdays:** Ellen Grayson, Brandon Bartley (Monday); Holly Miller, Christa Lyon, George Repicky (Tuesday); James Colton (Wednesday); Brandon Rodee, Georgia Vose, Rich Miller (Thursday); Kenneth Gibson, Jessica Witherhead (Friday); David Witherhead (Saturday)

**Anniversaries:** Pierre and Hilde Nzuah

# The First Presbyterian Church on the Park

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

## Christmas Showcase



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## The 2nd Sunday of Advent - PEACE

**Reader 1:** Last Sunday, we lit the first candle  
in our Advent wreath, the candle of hope.  
Let us light it again, remembering  
that the light of hope  
shines for us in the darkness.

(First candle is lit again.)

**Reader 2:** Peace is one of God's gifts to us.

John the Baptist was a prophet  
calling the people of Israel to repent,  
to find peace with God.

May we by our actions help to prepare the way  
for the coming of Peace.

**Reader 1:** We light this second candle to remind us that  
Jesus is the Prince of Peace.

His light helps us find ways  
to share God's peace with others.

(Second candle is lit.)

## In Memory and Honor of Family, Friends & Loved Ones



If you would like to purchase a plant  
through the church (**cost \$20**),  
please fill out the **order form** below.

Please return order form and payment to the  
Church Office by **December 9th at Noon.**

(The deadline to place our order  
with White's Flowers.)

Feel free to provide your own plant;  
however, we will still need the information  
regarding your memorial for the bulletin insert  
by **December 9th** as well.

(Please pick up your Poinsettia  
following the Christmas Eve service,  
or earlier, so you may enjoy it at home.)

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Red # \_\_\_\_\_ White # \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_



**RETURN BY DECEMBER 9th, 2024**

### **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"*

Praise God from who 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.

### **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.