

THE PEOPLE GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC & RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS

CHORAL INTROIT

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive)

One: In Advent we celebrate God's gift of new beginning.

Many: We praise you, O God of new beginnings,
for turning despair into hope.

One: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Many: We praise you, O God, for bringing cosmos out of chaos.

One: In the beginning the Word was with God,
chasing the darkness into day.

Many: We praise you, O God, for bringing light out of night.

One: Let us bear witness to the light that was with God in the beginning.

All: Let us bear witness to the light that became flesh in Jesus Christ.

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Anna and James Eller, Alina, Walter and Jane

* **SACRED MUSIC** #133 NPH "O Come All Ye Faithful"

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Slow us down, patient God, so we may see deeply your truth in these bustling days. Help us face the ways we cover up our emptiness with fancy gifts. Hold us gently when we discover how we give presents when only our presence really matters. Grant us moments to praise you like the shepherds, ponder you like Mary and listen to your dream messages like Joseph. Let us begin now. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

* **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

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

* **GLORIA PATRI** (Unison, To The Tune of "Angels We Have Heard")

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 24:36-44 Pg. 27

TIME WITH THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

(Kids may leave for Church School afterward.)

ANTHEM

SERMON "Unexpected" Rev. Michael P. Catanzaro

* **SACRED MUSIC** #82 NPH "Come, Though Long Expected Jesus"

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)

* **DOXOLOGY** (Inside Cover of Hymnal to Tune of "O Come, O Come")

* **SACRED MUSIC** #88 NPH "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

* **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE (Seated) Jarrett Larson

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

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

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

<https://zoom.us/j/6360764407>

The Mission of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Canton is to reach out to all people and welcome them in celebrating truly the joys, freedoms and responsibilities that come with our faith in God, Christ's unconditional love for us, and the power of the Holy Spirit to transform our world.

Through this nurturing Christian Community we will fully recognize the value of each believer, humbly forgive ourselves and others, and lovingly embrace God's Grace.

PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

We remember in prayer Christa Lyon, Martin Syvertsen, Margaret Alexander, Karen Parker and Bill, Mark and Nancy Brown and family, Colleen Grant, Mitzi VonSchiller (friend of Beth Hayes), the Basford/Rodee family, Nick Scelzi, Rhonda Walch, Jody Upton, and all who are ill in hospitals, nursing homes or at home; and those serving our nation and their families who support them.

Organist & Choir Director: Jarrett Larson
Church School Director: Andrea Montgomery
Assistant Director: Bob Duda
Office Coordinator: Lynne HunterBeach

The password for our church wifi network is: Lakew00d4331a
Password for the Zoom fellowship call at 11:30 a.m. is 3862570

AT OUR CHURCH THIS WEEK

Today 11/27/22 - Greening Of The Church, Following Worship
- In-Person and Live-Stream of Worship (10 a.m.)
- Virtual Fellowship via Zoom (11:30 a.m.)
- Handbell Choir Practice (11:15 a.m.)
- Kid's Painting Class (1:00 p.m.)

Monday 11/28/22 - Session Meeting (7 p.m.)

Thursday 12/01/22 - Deacon's Meeting (5:15 p.m.)
- Choir Practice (7 p.m.)

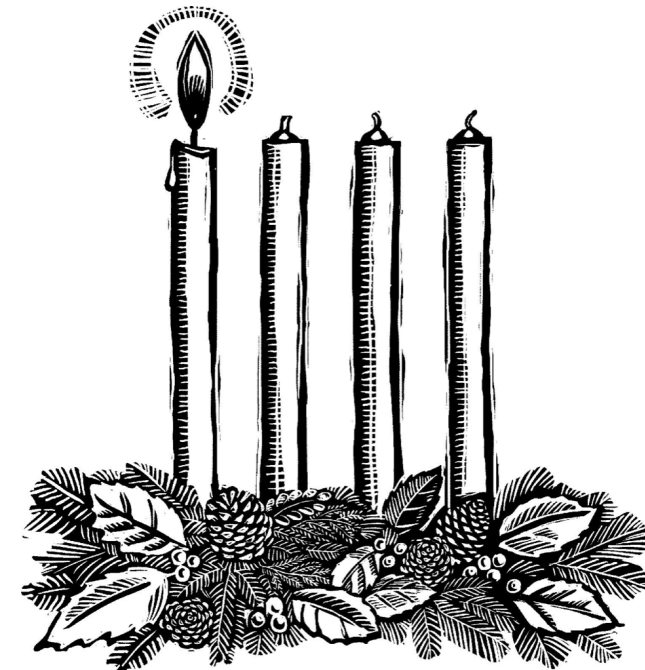
Sunday 12/04/22 - Communion
- Farm Family Offering & Deacon's Offering

Birthdays: Bob Duda (Monday)
Stuart Jones (Tuesday)
Michelle Quinelle-Gayle (Thursday)
Lindsey Frazer (Friday)
Jessica (Brown) Stumper, Giselle Kelly (Saturday)

Anniversaries: Andrea & Joe Montgomery (Saturday)

The First Presbyterian Church on the Park

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



First Sunday in Advent

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The First Sunday of Advent - HOPE

Reader 1: Today is the first Sunday in the Season of Advent.

Advent means “coming,” and in this season we prepare for the coming of Christ. One of the ways we can celebrate Advent is by making an Advent wreath and lighting its candles to remind us of the gifts Christ brings to the world.

Reader 2: The Advent wreath includes many symbols. The wreath is in the shape of a circle, with no beginning and no ending. This reminds us that there is no beginning and no ending to God, and that God’s love and caring for us never ends. The evergreen branches are a sign of ever new life. The candles tell us of the light that came into the world with Jesus Christ. The traditional colors of the Advent candles, three violet and one rose, are penitential colors, reminding us of our need for God’s help to be the people we’re meant to be. The white candle that we light on Christmas Eve signifies the coming of Christ.

Reader 1: Today we light the first candle, the candle of hope.
(First candle is lit)

Reader 2: The people of Israel heard of God’s promises through the prophets. The prophet Jeremiah spoke words of hope to Israel. He proclaimed the coming of a leader through whom God’s promise of peace would be fulfilled. We, too, hope and pray for a world of peace and harmony.

Reader 1: Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we light this candle, we celebrate the hope of Israel, and the hope that we have in Jesus Christ.

Reader 2: We continue to hope in God’s promise that Christ will come again to fill our lives and the life of the world with love and joy and peace.

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.)

Name: _____

Red # _____ White # _____

In Memory of: _____

Cash: _____ Check #: _____



RETURN BY DECEMBER 9th, 2022