

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

### Sunday, December 3 - 1st Sunday of Advent - *Hope*

Lord's Supper will be observed at both Worship Services

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Youth Handbells Rehearsal

### Monday, December 4

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

### Tuesday, December 5

9:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Morning Circle

7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Night Circle

### Wednesday, December 6

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. - Joint Officers Meeting

### Sunday, December 10 - 2nd Sunday of Advent - *Peace*

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Youth Handbells Rehearsal

5:00 p.m. - Children's Christmas Program

6:00 p.m. - Cookies and Punch Reception to follow

### Monday, December 11

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

### Wednesday, December 13

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, December 17 - 3rd Sunday of Advent - *Love*

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

(Cantata & Jubilate Ringers)

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

TBA - L.I.F.E. Youth go Ice Skating

### Sunday, December 24 - 4th Sunday of Advent - *Joy*

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

6:00 p.m. - Candlelight Service - *Christ Candle*

### Monday and Tuesday, December 25 & 26

The Church Office will be closed in celebration of Christ's Birth

### Wednesday through Friday, December 27 - 29

Office hours will be abbreviated, if you need to make an end of year contribution, please make an appointment.



Join us for the **Children's Christmas Program** Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The children and youth will receive their costume during the Sunday School hour. They will also rehearse the program.

The participants should arrive at 4:45 p.m. dressed and ready to go, reporting to the Narthex.

Thank you, Sheila Hammer and Erin Edling

### **DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR POINSETTIA(S)**

*(Deadline for ordering is this Sunday, December 3)*



Beginning in January, during WNL, Pete Allen has offered to give instructions on painting with oils once again. Please let Pete know if you have an interest in taking this class.

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### THE CHALLENGE

The 100 Can Challenge continues as we collect can goods and other non-perishable items. The donated items will be given to Sharing Life, as they feed those in need in our community. In November we collected **154 items**. **Thank You!**

## GUIDE TO WORSHIP

December 3, 2023

8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

This picture comes from the shore of the Sea of Galilee near Capernaum. Jesus walked this shore many times. It was along these shores that Jesus called several of His disciples. Today we will look at what it means to be called as we begin the Advent Season.



*Welcome to First Presbyterian Church! We hope you find a welcome here worthy of the gracious God we serve. Conventions in this bulletin include: an asterisk (\*) invites you to stand, as health allows, material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say, and material printed in italics may provide some helpful information. Let us worship God!*

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### FPC Christmas Cards

In 1986 the Board of Deacons created a Christmas Card using a picture of our sanctuary. Stan Jeffus took the picture. Stephen Leake chose the scripture. This was Stephen's first year to serve as a Deacon. The Deacons sold them as a Church Fund Raiser.

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
full of grace and truth.*

John 1:14

We came across these cards and we thought we would offer them to the congregation in packs of 10. There is no set price. We are asking you to simply make a donation to the 2024 Youth Mission Trip. They can be purchased during the Sunday School hour in the main hall or you can call the church office.

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Veni, Veni* arr. Chip Davis

INTROIT 129(*vs1*) *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* arr. Michael Praetorius

**Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,  
of Jesse's lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung.  
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,  
when half spent was the night.**

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2*

Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**And also to you.**

A voice cries: In the Wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. For the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise: I will cause a righteous branch to spring up for David; and He shall execute justice and righteousness.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - HOPE

(8:45) Campbell and Zoe Futrell

(11:00) The Doughton Family

HYMN 85 (*vs 1*) *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*

**Light one candle to watch for Messiah:  
let the light banish darkness.  
He shall bring salvation to Israel,  
God fulfills the promise.**

\*HYMN 88 (*vs 1-3*) *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, You sent a star to guide the wise men to the child Jesus. We confess that we have not searched for signs of Your love in the world, or trusted Your Good News to be good. We have failed to praise Your Son's birth, and refused His peace on earth. We have expected little, and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew in us all fine desires, that we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE (*Hymn 581*)

**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. A—men. A—men.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS #

ANTHEM (11:00) *Carols Around* arr. Carl J. Nygard, Jr  
Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Almighty and All-Knowing God—as we seek Your light at this time of Advent, open our minds that we may find Your Hope as Your Word is read and preached in Jesus Name, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Malachi 3:1*

See, I am sending My Messenger to prepare the way before Me, and the Lord Whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple. The Messenger of the covenant in Whom you delight—indeed, He is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON *Mark 1:1-3*

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending My Messenger ahead of you, Who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight,' "

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON *Mark 1:16-20*

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow Me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As He went a little farther, He saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately He called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed Him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

The Children and Youth are asked to come forward at this time.

\*HYMN 82 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

SERMON *Christmas Calling* Rev. Doughton

\*HYMN 109 *Blest Be the God of Israel*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Reflection on 'Hyfrydol' Don Phillips  
Ryoji Shimpo, pianist

\*DOXOLOGY (*Hymn 606*)

**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. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION †

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.**

Words of Institution

Reception of the Sacrament

Prayer after Communion

\*HYMN 88 (*vs 4-7*) *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE 136 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* arr. John W Work III

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!  
While shepherds keep their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.  
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

POSTLUDE *Angels We Have Heard on High* arr. Chip Davis

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Sue Bohmer (8:45); Meg GarverHamilton (11:00)

Deacon/Ushers † - Eric Schwartz, Susan Farmer, and Kirk Dixon (8:45);  
Eric Schwartz, MacKenzie Aynes, Mary Lee Doughton, and  
Amanda Aynes (11:00)

### THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor  
Ryoji Shimpo, Organist  
Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant  
Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus