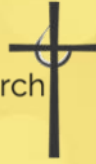


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CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
making us part of the body of Christ.

We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from sisters and brothers in Christ

We cling to destructive habits hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome on another;
we allow the past to hold us hostage.

In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin.

Remind us of the promises you make in baptism
so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

Hear us for the sake of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen

ASSURANCE OF LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

One: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

Now the Table Is Set

Jay Althouse

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Soon and Very Soon

Soon and very soon we are going to see the king (x3)

Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the king.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 6:11-14, 7:17-8, 9:8-13; Matthew 3:1-6

SERMON

The Tree of Jesse: Waters of Baptism

Rev. Linda Male

*HYMN

#96

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND LIVES

All: We often turn our faith into a lifeless ritual. We carefully keep our gifts and do not freely give our goods and our hearts to you. Lord, may your Spirit linger in our hearts and be born anew in our lives as we wait for the coming of King Jesus. Amen.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION #89 (Refrain 2X) *For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits*
For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits; truly my hope is in you.

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: God be with you;

All: and also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts;

All: we lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise

One: Gracious God...

With all the angels and saints in heaven and on earth our hearts proclaim:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. (#552)

One: We sing the mystery of what we believe:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again! (#553)

One: We affirm that through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, forever and ever.

All: Amen. (#554)

BREAKING OF THE BREAD/POURING OF THE CUP

RECEIVING THE ELEMENTS

Traditional Carols

arr. Gendron

COMMUNION PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN #103 *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Amen

African American/Westminster

Worship Leaders: Rev. Linda Male, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Chuck Norris, FPC Choir,
Don & Bonnie Cowie, Emily Grabinski-Conklin, Nick Norris, Andrew Plaisier, Leah Wallar,
Jan Brashler, Beth Magennis

Communion Elders: Paula Perkins, Gail and Alan Hering, Tim Staal,
Terri and Rick Schamper

Thanks to: Technical Support Team, Greeters and Ushers, Bus Drivers,
Communion Preparers, and M&M Café Providers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All are Welcome! // Please join us today after worship for some cake as we celebrate Wayne and Linda Pynonnen's service and leadership in the Mission and Outreach of First Presbyterian Church. For more than 20 years Wayne and Linda have not only provided leadership in our Outreach Council meetings but also have been living examples of how we all can serve others. Their volunteer service includes Community Kitchen, Care Closet, Community Action, Good Samaritan, and many other places.

Linda and Wayne have determined that the time has come for them to step down from their leadership roles on the Outreach Council. If you are interested in joining our council or are simply looking for ways to serve our community, please stop by the Outreach Kiosk and talk to a representative there.

Outreach Announcement // Linda Jacobs from Escape Ministries will be with us this morning. Please stop at the Outreach Kiosk to say hello and discuss the recent and upcoming activities at Escape.

Adult Education // Tim Staal is teaching a class on the hymns of Advent. This week's Hymn is "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus." Join him in the Michigan Room after the service for great discussion and fellowship! All are welcome!

Christmas Joy Offering // Envelopes are available during Advent for the denominational offering for leaders past, present, and future. 50% of the offering goes to assist church workers who are in critical financial need due to illness or lack of resources. 50% goes to leadership development and educations for students of color at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges

Ornaments for Outdoor Tree // The Worship Council put up a beautiful outdoor tree. This tree will serve as our congregation's Jesse Tree with ornaments being hung each day throughout December, but the tree is a little sparse. As we have done in past years, you are all invited to bring outdoor ornaments to decorate our tree and to bring some Christmas joy to the neighborhood!

A Special Meeting of the Congregation // This meeting is being called for the purpose of electing incoming Elders and Deacons to begin February 1, 2023. The meeting is scheduled for **December 18** immediately after worship. More details will follow in the next eWeekly and Sunday bulletins.

Knitters Announcement // A reminder the Prayer Shawl Knitting/Crocheting Group will meet Monday, December 19 from 1-3pm in the Ontario room.

Save the Date // December 21 at 7pm - Our wonderful FPC Trio (Flute, Piano, Cello) is offering a short concert of holiday selections. An offering will be collected to support the denomination's Christmas Joy offering. A light reception will follow.

The Men's Book Club // Meets Monday, December 5 at 7p in the Michigan room.

The Women's Book Club // Meets Sunday, December, 11 at 1p in the M&M Café.

Thank you! // Thanks to all who contributed creches which are now on display in the M&M Cafe. If you still would like to contribute your creche, please bring it to church and feel free to set it up or put it in the office. If you contributed to the 'Birds' display, please pick up your items in the office. Thank you for loaning your works of art.



Advent & Christmas

December 15 at 7pm - Quiet Christmas Service

Do you ever want to simply unplug yourself from the Christmas scene – the advertisements, shopping, soliciting, and constant barrage of glitter and glee? Some prefer to celebrate Christ’s coming in contemplation rather than cheer. For those who have recently lost a family member, a job, a dream, a quieter more intimate celebration can be a better “fit”.

December 21 at 7pm - FPC Trio Concert

Our wonderful FPC Trio (Flute, Piano, Cello) is offering a short concert of holiday selections. An offering will be collected to support the denomination’s Christmas Joy offering. A light reception will follow.

December 24 - Christmas Eve Services

6pm – A family celebration for all ages, children’s pageant and FPC Choir.

11pm – A Service of Holy Communion and candlelight inviting Christ into our hearts and lives.

December 25 - Christmas Day Service

A link to a pre-recorded service will be emailed to you on Christmas morning. The link also will be posted on the church website and Facebook page.



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83 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

96 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin; make
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our
 4 Stretch forth your hand; our health re - store, and

nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 straight the way for God with - in, and let us all our
 ref - uge and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 make us rise to fall no more. O let your face up -

for he brings glad ti - dings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.

For You, O Lord, My Soul 89

in Stillness Waits

My Soul in Stillness Waits

Refrain Am Dm F G A B^b C Am7 Dm *Fine*

For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits; tru-ly my hope is in you.

Dm Am Dm Am Dm

1 O Lord of Light, our on - ly hope of glo - ry,
 2 O Spring of Joy, rain down up - on our spir - its;
 3 O Root of Life, im - plant your seed with - in us,
 4 O Key of Knowl - edge, guide us in our pil - grim-age;
 5 Come, let us bow be - fore the God who made us;
 6 Here we shall meet the Mak - er of the heav - ens,

Am Dm Am Dm Am

your ra-diance shines in all who look to you; come, light the
 our thirst - y hearts are yearn - ing for your word; come, make us
 and in your ad - vent, draw us all to you, our hope re -
 we ev - er seek, yet un - ful-filled re - main; o - pen to
 let ev - ery heart be o - pened to the Lord, for we are
 Cre - a - tor of the moun-tains and the seas, Lord of the

Dm Am G C Am7 Dm Am Dm *to Refrain*

hearts of all in dark and shad-ow.
 whole, be com - fort to our hearts.
 born in dy - ing and in ris - ing.
 us the path - way of your peace.
 all the peo - ple of God's hand.
 stars, and pres - ent to us now.

Holy, Holy, Holy

552

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)
 F C F B^b C F

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
 2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
 C F/A Am B^b C Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
 B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

SERVICE MUSIC

553 Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G)(A) (D) (A) (D/F#)(F#m)
 F C F B^b C F C F/A Am

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)
 B^b C Dm B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

554 Amen

Capo 3: (G) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)
 B^b C Dm B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

A - men, a - men, a - men.

103 Come Now, O Prince of Peace

오소서

1 Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one bod - y.
2 Come now, O God of love; make us one bod - y.
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
4 Come, hope of u - ni - ty; make us one bod - y.

The first system of music consists of a vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The bass line begins with a half note G2, followed by quarter notes A2, Bb2, and C3.

Come, O Lord Je - sus; rec-on-cile all peo - ple.

The second system of music continues the vocal line and bass line. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The bass line begins with a half note G2, followed by quarter notes A2, Bb2, and C3.