



First Presbyterian Church

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2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

December 6, 2020

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER: Christopher Henkel

DIRECTOR OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC: Tess Feiler

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: -- Vacancy --

LITURGIST: Karen Bachman

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30 am Tina Dansereau

ACOLYTES: 8:30 am Harper Young · 11:00 am Brayden Young

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmTOCFUtwZzg/videos>

Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Service



Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ who is here to meet you today.

"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE

"Joysong"

Hayes

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: Nadu Family

Leader: This Second Sunday of Advent we light this candle as a symbol of Christ the Way.

May the Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation.

People: (Sung) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.

*HYMN

"Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates"

No. 8

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Holy and Living God, together we thank You and praise You for providing us with a pathway for reconciliation. Together we confess that the Jesus in a manger does not meet with our expectations. Together we pray to be forgiven for our shallow understanding of the greatness of that gift. Open our hearts and minds to the joy in preparing for the Root of Jesse. Keeping watch together through Advent, we pray in the name of our Emmanuel. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

[Please share Christ's peace with one another.]

*HYMN

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

**O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Prepare the Way"

Franzen/Price

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:1-11

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:1-8

SERMON

A Season in the Lectionary

"Advent and Baptism"

Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

No. 41

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Welcome

Distribution

**[Worshippers: please hold the bread, that we may eat together as Christ's one people.
Please drink as you are ready, in acknowledgment of our individual standing before the Lord.]*

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *"Let There Be Peace On Earth"*

*POSTLUDE

"Wake Awake, For Night is Fleeting"

Walther



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11:00 AM Service

Greeting and Announcements

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*Praise & Worship

O Come All Ye Faithful (Adeste Fideles)

Cornerstone

Here As In Heaven

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message:

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 1:1-8

Sermon:

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*Offering/Closing Song

Holy Spirit

*Benediction



In our prayers today and your prayers this week, please remember the following people and their families:

- Allan Scheurich, Recovering at home
- Donna Burkholder, Recovering at home
- Joyce Hollinger, Recovering at home
- Larry Guise, York WellSpan

Our sisters and brothers in our partner congregations of the Presbyterian Church of Honduras, Presbytery of Mthatha (South Africa) and Donegal Presbytery.

In need of the prayer chain?

Call Sandy Bernstorf 717-201-7926 or Janice Bowers 717-687-5676



NEXT WEEK – December 13
A Season in the Lectionary

Isaiah 61:1-4; 8-11

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sermon: Advent and Repentance

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY AT 12:15 pm

In person, or via ZOOM or phone In

Agenda

- *Review of the budget*
- *Election of officers*
- *Voting on the pastor's compensation package*

Zoom Web Site Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9703411314>

Phone in: 1 646 558 8656 then key in 9703411314#

2021 Slate of Officers

Three-Year Terms, unless otherwise noted

Ruling Elders

Tim Ott

Vacancy

Ron McVey

Heather Schnader - 1 year

Linda Younger

Trustees

Dave Rineer

Will Keays

Jeff Stoltzfus

Don Welk, Jr.

Deacons

Kenneth Andersen - fill 1-year vacancy

Marcia Andersen

Julia Barge - Junior Deacon

Nancy Cummings

Tina Dansereau

Janet Fitzgibbon - fill 2-year vacancy

John Fitzgibbon - fill 2-year vacancy

Dorothy Wood

Heidi Zook-Payne

Christmas Eve Services

Family Christmas Pageant Services

1:00 pm, 3:00 pm & 5:00 pm

On screen in the sanctuary and live streaming at home:

[Web Site](#)

[Facebook](#)



Candlelight Services

7:00 pm, 9:00 pm & 11 pm

In person or live streaming at home



[Web Site](#)

[Facebook](#)

Regular Worship Services • 8:30 am & 11:00 am
Sunday, December 20 & 27 • Sunday School at 10:00 am



2020 SANTA'S HELPERS



As with just about all of our church programs, COVID has also affected our annual Santa's Helpers program. While we are again supporting this program by buying Christmas Gifts for needy children, the program has been changed slightly to allow for as much participation as possible given that many in our congregation are not able to physically attend church due to health concerns.

To participate all you need to do is:

- ❏ Sign-up to purchase a gift either as you arrive or as you depart the Church Service today, **Sunday, Dec. 6**, at the reception desk.
 - ❏ You sign-up by picking a tag from the tree which will include the number of a child along with the specific gift.
 - ❏ Your name and the number of your child will be registered by a volunteer at the sign-up table.
 - ❏ If you are interested in purchasing a gift but will not be attending a church service on either of those Sundays simply call Jo Ann Sweigart (717-672-1427) or Terry Sweigart (717-606-6907) and you can be registered over the phone and be given information on the specific gift you are to purchase.
 - ❏ Please spend between \$15 to \$20 for the gift.
 - ❏ Gifts do not need to be wrapped; all wrapping will be done by the Santa's Helpers organization. Please attach the tag to the gift and place under the tree by **December 13th**. If you are unable to drop your gift off at the church, please contact Jo Ann or Terry and they will see that your gift is picked up.
- If anyone is interested helping with the purchase of gifts that may not be selected, please also contact Jo Ann or Terry to volunteer to be a buyer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Sunday school for children and adults has started back up again - Welcome to all the Sunday school teachers and everyone participating in the classes! All are invited to attend.

College Student of the Week: Leah Welk, 201 Vairo Blvd Unit C 110, State College, PA 16803
Please brighten her day with a card, email or note.

Our Great Beginnings Preschool is always very appreciative of your donations. It helps to keep the tuition costs down! There is a bin in the library area for your donations. Needed are: paper plates, napkins, Kleenex, 5 oz. cups, crackers, pretzel, animal crackers, cookies, Pepperidge Farm Goldfish, popcorn, cheese balls.

The work of FPC continues: All of the staff are still working hard to keep us connected and are keeping the light of Christ shining within the community. While programmatically things may have shifted, we are still looking to provide a family for those who don't know Christ, for those who want to grow in Christ, and for those who want to go with Christ. This not only takes time and planning, it also takes resources. We fully realize that we are in a time of having to rely even more on the providence and provision of God. You can play an enormous role in helping us meet the needs for our staffing and our programs during this time when collecting tithes in person is limited. There are various ways that you can give your tithes and contribute to the FPC ministries. One way is to send your tithe and offering checks to First Presbyterian Church at 101 S. Decatur Street, Strasburg, Pa 17579. Make it out to First Presbyterian and our financial accountant will take care of it. Another way to give is online at the church website: <http://www.straspres.org/> Click the donate button. On your home computer, at the top of the page, select "Computer Giving". From there click on "Go to Engage e-giving" where you can either create an account to give more frequently or in a recurring way. To give a one-time gift, click "Create a Gift" and it will provide similar options. You can pay either by credit card or by ACH, your bank information. Please take the time to make an impact on your community with your offerings at this time. For questions about electronic giving please give me a call at 717-799-0777. I can walk you through it.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Links can also be found on the FPCS Website Home Page

Sunday, December 6

8:30 am Worship – In Person and Online YouTube Web Site Facebook

Phone in: 1 646 558 8656 then key in 9703411314#

10 am Wired Word Sunday School Class Zoom Link Meeting ID: 869 4647 3973 Passcode: 355650 or word

11 am Worship – In Person and Online YouTube Web Site Facebook

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12:15 pm Congregational Meeting

Zoom Web Site Link

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3 pm Ignited Bowl

Tuesday, December 8

2 pm Food Bank

6 pm Personnel Committee

Wednesday, December 9

7 pm Outreach Committee - Rm 1

7 pm Trustees Meeting

Thursday, December 10

6 pm Bible Study

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Friday, December 11

2 pm Food Bank

