

ORDER OF SERVICE
November 27, 2011

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" arr. Diane Bish

Lighting of the Advent Candle Jack & Peg Myers

Call to Worship (to be sung)

Choir: O come O come, Emmanuel

Congregation: And ransom captive Israel

Choir: That mourns in lonely exile here

Congregation: Until the Son of God appear.

All: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee, O Israel.

* **Hymn** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #2

Announcements and Affirmation of Community

Prayer of Confession

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised kingdom. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us the wisdom to seek things that will endure. May we welcome the coming of Christ into our world and into our hearts. (moment of silence for personal reflection.) **Amen.**

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

***Gloria Patri**

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. Amen, Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Isaiah 64:1-9 (p. 694)

Anthem “Will We Know Him?” Don Besig/Nancy Price

Second Scripture Lesson Mark 13:24-37 (p.50)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon “What Will You Be Doing When He Comes?”
Rev. Kathleen Crighton

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

***Affirmation of Faith** (From the Confession of 1967)

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with [humanity]. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became man and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. The work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, [humanity], and the world. Therefore, the church calls [us] to be reconciled to God and to one another.

***Hymn** “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” #5

Call for Dedication of Life and Substance

Offertory “Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?” Robert Lau

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.

***Prayer of Dedication
Concerns of the Church**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins) p. 16

Prayer Response "Amen"

Hymn "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" #8

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** "People Look East" French Folk Melody

Postlude "Voluntary 7 in D minor" John Stanley

All are invited to remain seated during the postlude at the end of the service. If you are unable to remain during this time, please leave as quietly as possible.

USHERS: Jim & Anne Bailey

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Vicki Washburn

ORGANIST: David Carpenter

PRE-SERVICE PIANIST: Meg Smith

PASTOR: Rev. Kathleen Crighton

WORSHIP LEADER: Dan Ladue

CLERK OF SESSION: Judy Bunnell

MODERATOR OF DEACONS: Sally Meisenheimer

DIR. OF YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES: Marianne Wilson

MODERATOR of PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Marjorie Mapstone

MINISTERS: All the members of this congregation.

WELCOME to the First Presbyterian Church. We invite all visitors to join us for coffee in the Fellowship Hall, directly below the sanctuary, following the service. We encourage both members and visitors to wear their name tags. Thank you to our hostesses Judy Bunnell and Karen Merrill.

Members and visitors are asked to sign the friendship pads in the pews and pass them down the pews, noting the names of those around you so you can greet them after the service.

PRAYER FAMILIES FOR THE WEEK OF November 27, 2011

Frank & Sandy Baehre

Jim & Anne Bailey

Steven, Kim, Sebastian & Lydia Bailey

PRAYER CONCERNS

Linda & Al Tripp

Stephanie Briggs

Joel Keltner

Joe Krugler (in Afghanistan)

Family of Roland Gonyo

Connor Marvin

Marilee Patnode

Jamie Svenson

Wally Hauver (Kay Haupt's brother)

Leslie Kolodziej

Audrey Walker

Candy & John Wagner

Jim & Joyce Ashe

David Knight

Davin Blow

Laura Zehr

Arthur Newgarden

This week:

Monday: 4:30 p.m. Children's Choir

5:00 p.m. Pizza Plus

6:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth

6:00 p.m. Session

Advent Booklets Pick up your copy today in Coffee Hour. Also available for families: advent books for younger children, teens, and college students. They can be picked up alongside your church advent book or from Marianne Wilson during the week. There are enough for everyone to have their own book.

Sunday Adult Christian Education:

Adult Life Application Class – meets each week in the Youth Director's office following worship. Led by Sally Meisenheimer.

God in America – Part II - meets in the church library at 10:45 sharp. Led by Stuart Voss.

Poinsettias and wreaths will again beautify the Sanctuary. If you would like to give an honorarium or memorial, please place your order in the church office by Monday, December 12th. Poinsettias are \$14.00 each. Wreaths are \$20.00.

Dan Ladue and Pastor Kathy are leading an **evening study group** on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Youth Director's office. The study is on the book *Love Wins; A Book about Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived* by Rob Bell. Books are

available on Amazon.

Family Promise hosting - December 4th-11th. Our congregation's next turn to host homeless families in the Family Promise program starts in one week, on Sunday evening, December 4th. We'll say goodbye to our guests the following Sunday morning, December 11th. The sign-up poster is on the yellow easel in the coffee fellowship area. As always, we'll need volunteers to prepare and serve dinner meals, spend time with our guests each evening, and act as hosts overnight. Because our hosting starts right after the Christmas Tea and Bazaar, we'll also need as much extra help as we can get to help move bazaar items to make room for our guests and hosts.

Local Mission Christmas Tree Ornament Project - The congregation is once again invited to provide Christmas gifts to children in Clinton County. The Local Mission Council will be receiving a list of wishes/needs from the Department of Social Services for children in families they serve. These gift requests will be written on colored ornament tags and hung on a tree in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 4th. Each ornament will represent one gift. The ornament message will contain the first name of the recipient, age, gender, requested item description and clothing size, if appropriate. When children receive gifts from us, they are not served by the Christmas Bureau.

Congregation members are encouraged to take an ornament, - both parts, as each ornament will have two duplicate parts tied together. Purchase the item during the week and return the gift, unwrapped, with both parts of the ornament taped to it, to the tree in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 11th, or to the church office no later than noon Tuesday, December 13th. Please DO NOT WRAP THE GIFTS. We do not have the gift request list yet, but depending on the requested gift, two or more members might jointly purchase the item. If an item of clothing is purchased, please ask the store for and include with the gift, a gift receipt, should an exchange be necessary. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Bunnell or Nancy Olsen.

Christmas Tea & Bazaar, Saturday, December 3rd noon to 3 pm

For those of you who are bringing card tables for the Tea & Bazaar, please bring them to the church by Tuesday, November 29th.

Set up for the Tea & Bazaar is scheduled for Wednesday, November 30th at 6:00 p.m.

Interfaith Food Shelf

Please bring contributions to the Food Shelf at 127 Beekman Street between 9 a.m. and noon weekdays. Checks can be made to Interfaith Food Shelf and placed in the offering plate.

Did you miss worship one Sunday? Misplace your copy of the *Pulse*? Newsletters and bulletins are posted on the church website, www.presbyplatt.org Just click on the tab. Videos of sermons are also on the site; scroll down and click on the photo for “sermon archives.”

1Sermons

December 4, 2011 Second Sunday in Advent

Sermon “Who Will You Be When He Comes?”

Isaiah 40:1-11

2 Peter 3:8-15a

December 11, 2011

Third Sunday in Advent

“Who Will You Be Expecting?”

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 18, 2011

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Christmas Pageant

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Luke 1:26-38

December 24, 2011

Christmas Eve

“Are You Ready for the Unexpected?”

Isaiah 9:2-7

Luke 2:1-20

December 25, 2011

Christmas Day

One service at 9:30 a.m.

Service of Lessons and Carols

Elders:

Class of 2011

Deb Donahue
Marjorie Mapstone
Nancy Olsen
Roger Patnode

Class of 2012

Matt Burgin
Carla Hausrath
Don Hollis

Class of 2013

Frank Baehre
Judy Bunnell
Linda Gonyo
Margaret Searing

Deacons:

Class of 2011

Cynthia Dubrey
Marilee Patnode
Sally Pendleton
Lynn Mulholland
Catharine Weiss
Joanne Weiss

Class of 2012

Sara Black
Terri Mahoney
Bruce Morrow
Gail McGuire
Amanda Smart

Class of 2013

Pam Deeb
Donna Hanrahan
Rob & Sally Meisenheimer
Susan Mikkelson
Audrey Petrie