



“Light of God” by James Fissel

FIRST SUNDAY *of* ADVENT

November 27, 2022 • 8:00 a.m.

Please join in reading and singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Intermezzo, Op. 117, No. 1

Johannes Brahms

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE

When I look around, I see shadows of hunger. So many neighbors, nearby and around the world, will go to bed hungry tonight...

When I look around, I see shadows of injustice, the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer — and someone somewhere will fall asleep under a bridge tonight...

In the face of hunger, we light a candle of hope...

In the face of injustice, in the face of despair, we light a candle of hope...

May the light from this candle overwhelm the world.

May the light from this candle say to all that God's hope is coming, on earth as it already is in heaven.

Friends, be not afraid, God's hope is at hand!

* **HYMN 82**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the ages, through the prophets and apostles you have challenged us to lay aside the works of destruction and prepare for your new creation. We confess that we continue to cling to our sinful ways – greed and lust, abuse and waste, envy and strife.

Forgive us, Holy One. By your Spirit, lead us to live in a way that shows your love and grace to those around us....

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

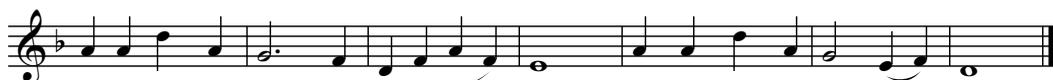
PICARDY



Come, Lord Je-sus, soon in__ mer - cy, bring us to your sav - ing__ grace;



Light-en all the world a - round us with the rad-iance of your face.



Fill us with your love, re - new_____ us, here and when we leave this place.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as God's people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

GLORY TO GOD



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in__ the high - est!



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Romans 13:11-14

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

The grass withers, the flower fades;

The word of the Lord endures forever.

Isaiah 2:1-5

SERMON

RESPONDING & SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Romanze, Op. 118, No. 5

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*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OLD HUNDREDTH

* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please refer to the Communion Card.

SENDING

* HYMN 97

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

ABERYSTWYTH

The left side of the center aisle will sing the stanzas beginning with Watchman.

The right side of the center aisle will sing the stanzas beginning with Traveler.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Intermezzo, Op. 119, No. 3

Johannes Brahms

Welcome

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive and diverse faith community, led by the Holy Spirit, who welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds to come together to explore, nurture, and deepen their faith.

FIRST-TIME VISITORS AND MEMBERS

Please use the Friendship Pad located in the pew to let us know you joined us in worship or use this QR code to sign our online Friendship Pad.



ONLINE
FRIENDSHIP PAD

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist	Hannah Lundberg	Communion Servers	Diane Knibbs
Lector	Taoqu Chen		Jean Song
Preacher	Megan Berry	Candle Lighters	Deanne Woodruff
Pianist	Josh Marzan		Dan Mitas
Usher	Marty Reineman		Susan Holmes

WAYS TO GIVE

Your gift allows us to carry out our mission as an inclusive and diverse faith community.

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Text the amount you would like to give to 855-904-1523

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SCAN ME

PRAYER REQUESTS

A pastor will remain at the Communion Table after the service if you are in need of prayer.

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Today at First

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Childcare

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Level 1
Ages 5 and young

Children's Classes

11:15 a.m. | Levels 1 and 3

Youth Classes

11:00 a.m. | LL4, LL1 (Lower Level)

ADULTS

First Friends

11:00 a.m. | Lewis Room (Level 2)
“A Clear View of the Birth of Jesus: A Middle Eastern Understanding.” Kenneth E. Bailey. Video and discussion.

Exploring the Faith

11:00 a.m. | Curtis Room (Level 2)
The Season of Advent with Callie Feyen

UKirk@UMich College Ministry

12:00 p.m. | Off site
We meet for lunch and conversation after worship. For location, contact Hannah Lundberg, hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org

T2A2 Young Adult Group

7:00 p.m. | Off site
Bible study on the Gospel of Luke

Announcements

ADULTS

Help Presbyterian Women “Stroll” on December 11— The ever popular All-Church Strolling Reception will take place at 5:00 p.m. following the Glorious Sounds of Christmas concert on Sunday, December 11. Presbyterian Women will be present in the Social Hall providing sweet nibbles, a creche display, and more. Volunteers are needed to help with set up, staffing the event and tear down. Lending a hand is just as much fun as attending the event! Sign up by contacting Linda Atkins at atkins.linda@att.net.

Members of the DIAA (Diversity, Inclusion, Accessibility, and Accountability) group are beginning to work toward understanding and acknowledging the role of Native American communities in the history of the church and the land we occupy. If you would like to be part of a small group studying and crafting a way forward, contact Hannah Lundberg, hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org.

CHILDREN

Nativity Service Sign Up —The Nativity Service is a favorite holiday tradition at First Presbyterian. This service will take place on Sunday, December 18, at 11:15 a.m. and is wonderful for all ages to enjoy as the mystery of the story comes to life. We would love to have your children serve as leaders in this special Advent service. There are speaking and non-speaking parts for ages three through 5th grade. A Parent Meeting will be held Sunday, December 4, at 11:00 a.m. in the Family Lounge. To view the rehearsal schedule and to register your child, please visit: <https://bit.ly/FPCPageant>

MISSION

November Food Collection — Each month we collect food donations and special financial contributions to support a local hunger ministry partner. This month our partners are Community Action Network (C.A.N.) and Washtenaw Community College's Emergency Food Bank. Non-perishable food may be placed in the baskets provided in the Welcome Center on Sundays, Mondays–Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon. Financial gifts may be made by check or online. Donations will be coordinated and delivered by our Campus Ministry.

Family to Family and Fostering Futures —The holiday season can be a challenging time for families and individuals in need. You can join First Pres in making God's love visible by helping local children and families during the Christmas season. This year, First Pres will provide gifts to 40 to 50 families referred by the Washtenaw County Department of Health and Human Services through Family to Family Christmas and 40 children through local non-profit Fostering Futures. To learn how you can help, visit firstpresbyterian.org.

Rotating Shelter at First Pres January 2 - 16, 2023—For two weeks, our church will become the overnight home for up to 20 men who have housing challenges. Volunteer opportunities are available to host, donate food or clothing, and drive men to breakfast. Sign up now to volunteer: bit.ly/FPC_RotatingShelter. Questions: Contact Jim Peggs (734-646-9412) or Marcey Terrien (480-833-7019)

ADVENT

Advent - Epiphany Devotional — The 2022 Advent through Epiphany Devotional *Hope is Born* follows our Advent lectionary text and is written by members of the congregation. Each devotion includes a photo meditation on signs of hope. The devotional is available by email only. If you received the Advent devotional last year, you will automatically receive this year's devotional. If you would like to be included on the mailing list, please email mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org or update your email preferences at firstpresbyterian.org/signups-forms

Poinsettias for Christmas. If you wish to donate a poinsettia to beautify our December 18 and December 24 worship services, the cost is \$15. You can donate in memory or honor of a loved one. Poinsettias will be delivered to those in need by our Deacons following those services. Thank you for your donation! Sign up either online at bit.ly/FPCPoinsettia or in the Church Office. The deadline for purchasing one is Sunday, December 11.



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