



Peaceable Kingdom, John August Swanson

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

The Second Sunday
of Advent

Sunday, December 4, 2022

10:30 A.M.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

INTROIT

Prepare Ye
Kerry Showers, Solo

Marc Robinson

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Randy Shelby

A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord."

A choir sings in the silence, "Come, Emmanuel."

Every valley shall be filled.

Every heart shall be made whole,
for peace is stronger than turmoil,
and love is louder than hate.

As we light our second Advent candle,
we pray for the holy peace of God.

Come now, O Child of Mary.

Come now, O Prince of Peace.

As the candles are lit, all sing:

Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people. (Hymn 103)

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and to prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Stephanie Dube

May God be with you in worship here.

May God be with you in worship there.

Children may depart the sanctuary with their teacher for Worship & Wonder. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

John the Baptist's cry echoes through the ages: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near! Here and now, we go to God in humility and faith, confessing our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all creation, your vision of peace is beyond our knowing. We have been hurt and we have seen destruction, so we turn around and hurt others, destroying what you have called good. Forgive us, and fill us with your knowledge, so we may help bring forth your kin-dom of peace.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 88)

VENI EMMANUEL

*O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The reign of God has come near; the repentant will be judged with righteousness. You are forgiven. Be filled with hope, believing in the power of the risen Christ to bring you to new life. Rejoice and believe. **Amen!**

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 819)

FINLANDIA

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on

When we shall be forever with the Lord;

When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,

Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

Be still my soul: when change and tears are past

All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rom. 15:4

Your word, Holy God, was written for our instruction. By your Holy Spirit open our ears and fill us with the mysteries of your ancient love; through Jesus Christ we pray.

Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 11:1-10

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 3:1-12

The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

“Fruit Worthy of Repentance”

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed (381 CE)

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was

incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* arr. Brian Hanson

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606) OLD HUNDREDTH
*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. Amen.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise...
...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest!*

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who seek God are invited to the table, regardless of church affiliation or any other condition or identity. You may take communion by taking a small piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. Pre-packaged elements are also available in baskets for a contact-free option.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mighty God, holy is your name. We thank you for gathering us at your table and feeding us with the bread of life. As we leave this table to go to the many places where you call us, send your Spirit to accompany us, so that we may share in your magnificent work: lifting up those who are laid low, showing mercy to all in need of human kindness, and feeding the bodies and hearts of all those who are hungry. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 378

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom

MERLE'S TUNE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Diane Bowers*

Communion Servers: *Charlotte & Paul Puckett*

The Life of the Church

The Advent Workshop is tonight from 5:00-7:00pm. Soup and sandwiches will be provided for dinner and there will be a variety of seasonal activities for all ages. We will begin in the sanctuary at 5:00 with a brief time of worship.

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals have begun. All children and youth are invited to participate in our annual pageant, which will be part of worship on December 18.

Rehearsal Schedule: Sunday, Dec. 4 at 9:30am
 Saturday, Dec. 10 at 9:30am
 Sunday, Dec. 11 at 9:30am
 Saturday, Dec. 17 at 10:00am

The Longest Night Service will be held Wednesday, December 21 at 6:00pm. This service is a time to acknowledge the grief, pain, and struggles many of us bear that can seem worse this time of year. This time of prayer, song, candlelighting, and communion, is an opportunity to share the gift of hope we find in community with one another

Hearing Assistance Devices are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.

Poinsettias will be ordered again this year through the Kentucky Hemophilia Foundation. They will cost \$12 each. Please fill out the form below and place in the offering plate along with a check made payable to First Presbyterian Church with Poinsettia in the memo. You may also call the church office, 270-684-1467, or email, office@fpcobky.com, to place your order. Order deadline is Monday, December 5th.



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