



Garden tools forged from the remnants of guns from the Guns Into Gardens project

FIRST   
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

The First Sunday  
of Advent  
Sunday, November 27, 2022  
10:30 A.M.

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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## THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Beverly Swanson

The world says, "All is lost."

God says, "All is loved."

The darkness says, "The light is dying."

The light says, "The fire is catching."

Fear says, "Cover your eyes and your ears."

Hope says, "Wait, watch, and listen."

As we light our first Advent candle,

**we pray for holy hope of God.**

Come now, O Child of Mary.

**Come now, O Prince of Hope.**

*As the candle is lit, all sing:*

***Come now, O Source of Hope; make us one body.***

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

Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations. Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert as we watch for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our judge and Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

\*HYMN 357

*The Days Are Surely Coming*

LLANGLOFFAN

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

This is the time for us to wake from sleep; salvation is near to us. Let us then lay aside the tatters of sin, and put on the armor of righteousness, asking our Savior for forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we are steeped in a world of violence. War is one of the first things we learn, and we let it work its way into our lives. Your promises of peace sound like impossible dreams, and we become accustomed to cruelty. Forgive us. Wrest our weapons from our hands, and show us how beautiful life can be when you forge them into instruments of peace.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 88)

VENI EMMANUEL

*O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Col. 1:20*

Beloved, know this: the God of Presence, the God of Transformation, the God of Peace, hears our prayers and gives us power to love. Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

\*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 82)

HYFRYDOL

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

**THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word, so that we may see the glorious signs of your promise fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 2:1-5

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

Romans 13:11-14

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

Matthew 24:29-31, 36-44

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

SERMON

Jeff Moles

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from a Declaration of Faith*

**In Christ God gave us a glimpse of the new creation he has already begun and will surely finish. We do not know when the final day will come. In our time we see only broken and scattered signs that the renewal of all things is under way. We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering in the world, the church, or our own lives. But we see Jesus as Lord. As he stands at the center of our history, we are confident he will stand at its end. He will judge all people and nations. Evil will be condemned and rooted out of God's good creation. There will be no more tears or pain. All things will be made new.**

## THE EUCHARIST

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*

Kenneth Dake

\*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

**God our hope, we give you thanks that you have given us this foretaste of the justice, righteousness, and peace of your promised new creation. Strengthen us with this holy food as we seek to serve your holy realm. Lead us to live in joyful expectation of the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## THE SENDING

\*HYMN 354

*Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*

BATTLE HYMN

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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*\*Rise in body or spirit*

## LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Jeff Moles*

Presiding at the Table: *Dennis Jewett*

Liturgist: *Brad Smith*

Communion Servers: *Tom & Susan Furlong*

# The Life of the Church

**The Advent Workshop** is scheduled for next Sunday, December 4 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.

**Treat Boxes for our Christmas Food Baskets** will be assembled at the Advent Workshop on December 4. We need donations of fun snack items such as fruit snacks, microwave popcorn, granola bars, individually wrapped candy. You may bring your donations to the display near the Clinton Place door.

**Christmas Pageant Rehearsals** begin next week. 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 10:30am

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

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**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](mailto:office@fpcobky.com), to place your order. Order deadline is Monday, December 5th.



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