



BELLS AND CENTERING MUSIC

8:30 “In the Bleak Midwinter,” M. Hayes

10:30 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” Robert Lau

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE ~ *God is with us in our waiting...*

Heather and John Kunysz ~ *Chapel* ; Mike, Amy, and Aaron Smith ~ *Sanctuary*

Join when prompted:

All: This first candle reminds us that God’s hope shines in every darkness.

**Sung Response: *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***

The Lighting of the First Candle

**Candle Prayer: God of hope, as we light this candle, turn our hearts toward your light.
Teach us your ways of peace and fill us with the hope of your coming kingdom.
Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.**

*HYMN OF ADVENT HOPE #88 ~ “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (*verses 1, 2, and 7*)

INVITATION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Faithful God, we confess that we do not wait well. We grow anxious when answers are slow and restless when Your presence feels far away. Forgive our impatience and our doubt. Teach us to trust that You are with us in the waiting, in the silence, and in the hope to come.
God, hear our prayers... (*silent confession*)**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: The God who comes to us in Jesus Christ is faithful and full of mercy.
Even in our waiting, God’s grace is at work.

In Christ we are forgiven, renewed, and made whole. Thanks be to God!

*HOLY INTERRUPTION ~ *An intentional time to share the peace and fellowship of Jesus Christ*

May the peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING ~ *Matthew 24:36-44*

SERMON

“The God Who Comes”

Rev. Sharon Amstutz

SPIRITUAL RESPONSE

“Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow”

(*No. 606, Glory to God*)

CHORAL RESPONSE (10:30)

“Advent Alleluia”
Tammie Davis, Violin

Keith Christopher

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ *The Apostle’s Creed (p. 35, Glory to God)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ *Share prayer needs by placing a pew card in the offering plate*

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*p. 35, Glory to God*)

*HYMN OF SENDING #100 ~ “My Soul Cries out with a Joyful Shout” (*verses 1, 3, and 4*)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*GO FORTH IN PEACE

“Prepare A Way, O Zion”

arr. Robert Lau

1st Sunday of Advent ~ Hope

November 30, 2025
8:30am Chapel & 10:30am Sanctuary

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour. ~ Matthew 24:36-44

Opportunities for Connection

Interested in baptism, becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church, or have a pastoral concern?
Please let us know. Talk to our Associate Pastor or call the church.

Prayer List

With Christian sympathy, we hold the family of **Ann Wright Dillion** (sister of Hunter Wright) in our prayers. Ann passed away on November 13, 2025, in Pittsford, NY.

We offer our Christian love and sympathy to the family of **Theodore Flint Gray, Jr.**
Flint passed away on Saturday, November 22, 2025.

Offering Invitation

Tithes and Offerings can be given online, placed in the offering plate as you leave, or mailed to the church.

Note from Financial Office

Many thanks to those of you who have turned in your pledge cards for 2026. We are off to a good start, but we do have a good number of people we haven't heard from. We need to hear from everyone as we work on next year's budget. You can drop your cards in the offering plate, bring them by the office or mail them. Thank you.

The Chancel Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God

and are given in praise and thanksgiving
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
by Ivey and Sue Redmon.

Sanctuary Ushers

John, Sarah, Lleyton and Rowan Good

Sanctuary Sound

Olin Babb

Combined Worship

We will have a combined worship service on **Sunday, December 7** at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary to be followed by our Care Ministry Luncheon.

Birthdays & Prayers of the Week

November 30: Anna Claire Pierce

December 1: Linda Buckles, Mike Babb, John Kunysz

December 2: Frank Gibson, McClure Mink

December 4: Gary Hallen, Margaret Callcott, Jasmine Pendley

December 5: Gillian Brents, Camden Argabrite

December 6: Aidan Smith, Cliff Marchion

Church Night Supper & Vespers ~ Wednesday, December 3 ~ Beginning at 5:30 p.m.

On the Menu: Orange-glazed pork loin, mashed potatoes, green beans and dessert. After dinner we will have a Vespers service at 6:20 p.m. in the Fellowship Center. The deadline for reservations is noon on **Tuesday, December 2**. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 10, with a family maximum of \$25.00. Reservations: sign up on the pew pads, church website, your REALM account, or call the church office.

New History Room Display for Advent

It is Christmas 1981-85 in the History Room at First Pres. We are celebrating the Madrigal Dinners held during that time. We have a coat of armor, a maid's cap and apron, costumes, programs, photographs, and many memories of this community event sponsored by our Church and involving almost every member of our church in some way. Come by and enjoy the exhibit until January. Special thanks to Agnese and Roger Goin for their creativity in developing the exhibit.

Please be aware the 10:30 a.m. service is live streamed and recorded on Facebook and YouTube

WIFI Network: FPCCK-GUEST ~ Password: Genesis 1:3-4 ~ www.firstpreskingsport.org ~ Church office: (423) 245-0104