

**DECEMBER 01, 2019 · 10:00 AM – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

*(\*) Those who are able, please stand. Large print hymnals, Sunday Worship hymn sheets & Bulletins & wireless hearing aids available. Ask an usher. Members, please wear your name tag.*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Bagpipe Medley Jim Clough  
"Cwm Rhondda" by John Hughes  
"Dominus Regit Me" by John B. Dykes  
"Kingsfold" - Traditional English melody

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH Sam Pendergrast

Unison Prayer: **Risen Christ, Light of the world,  
shine in our lives & shine in our world. Amen**

\*HYMN "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" # 9

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Michelle Dolan

Invitation

Unison Prayer

**God of night and day, all hearts are open to you.**

**No shadow and no shame can hide us from you  
or keep you from loving us.**

**For all that distracts us from your path,  
forgive us, O God.**

**For all that keeps us from noticing and loving neighbors,  
forgive us, O God.**

**For our quarreling and jealousy,  
forgive us, O God.**

**Forgive our sin, renew us in love,  
and teach us to live in a way that honors you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Sharing God's Peace

Response "Lift Up Your Heads" # 8 (v3)

**Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to Thee here Lord, abide.  
Let me Thy inner presence feel;  
Thy grace and love in me reveal.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 2:1-5  
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" OT Page 489 (LP 773)

ANTHEM

"A Choral Devotion"

Butler

In silent meditation we quietly share the presence of God, we wait for Him there.

In faithful devotion we come once again, praising our Jesus the Saviour of men.

Father in Heaven we pray to Thy Son who comes to redeem us, most favored, the One.

In grateful devotion we tremble with love, we know that His Advent, His Advent draws near.

In silent meditation we quietly share the presence of God, we wait for Him there. Amen.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 24:36-44  
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 21 (LP 33)

CHILDREN'S TALK Pastor Sam

SERMON

**Stay Awake**

\*HYMN "Now to Your Table Spread" # 515

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed  
(Ecumenical pg 14 in front of Hymnal)

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory Music "Sleepers, Wake" arr Lovelace

Song of Praise "Lift Up Your Heads" # 8 (v2)

**Fling wide the portals of your heart, Make it a temple set apart;  
From earthly use for heaven's employ  
Adorned with prayer, and love, and joy.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER  
*Each communion tray has a dish of rice cake pieces for those who avoid wheat products*

Invitation to the Table

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord be with you / **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts / **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, 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 prayer continues and concludes with The Lord's Prayer using Pew Cards*

Communion of the People

\*HYMN "My Soul Cries Out" See Insert

\*BENEDICTION See Laminated Pew Cards concluding with...  
Pastor: .... God is good  
**People: ... All the time!**

\*SUNG RESPONSE (Choir starts followed by Congregation)  
**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way Through this and every coming day,  
That in Your Spirit strong and true Our lives may be our gift to You.**

POSTLUDE "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Jim Clough, Bagpipes  
Melody Adapted from Plainsong

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**Please leave hymn sheets in pews or with an usher. We'll be using them throughout the Advent season.**

**Welcome Visitors.** Please leave your contact info on the pink card that you find in the pew rack. Pick up a Visitor's brochure from the back or ask an Usher!

**Mission Statement:** First Presbyterian Church exists to improve our understanding of Christ; to spread His word and teachings; and to reach out to our church family, our community, and the world through acts of compassion, kindness, and love

**A Staffed Nursery & Toddler Care Room** is located on the 1st floor behind the sanctuary. We also offer an optional Quiet Room for parents with small children located in the sanctuary back

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**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**Ushers** are led by Don Hanson. Dec 08: Dave Scaccia

**Layreader** is Michelle Dolan. Dec 08: Mary Yates

**Worship Recorder** is John Nethaway. Dec 08: Shari Fish

**Deacon Ramp Duty** is Marge Palmer. Dec 08: Kiki Hinman

**Weekly Congregation & Presbytery Prayer List:** Missy Graves, Howard & Winnie Sears, Steve, Nikki, Abe & Grace Huntzinger; Donna Jones; Bev & Joe Hickey, Jackie & Mike Roush and Presbyterian Mission Agency of PCUSA