

**DECEMBER 08, 2019 · 10:00 AM**

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

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" arr Ore

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH** Charlie Sexton Family

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

**\*HYMN** "On Jordan's Bank" # 10

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Leader: Mary Yates

Invitation  
Unison Prayer  
**Gracious God, full of welcome for all your children, have mercy on your people.**  
**We confess how hard it is to trust your way, how we struggle to heed your word in all we say and do.**  
**We fail to see neighbors as beloved children you have made.**  
**In your mercy, forgive us; we look to you to heal us and raise us up, so that, in the end, you will gather us to you and give us peace.**

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 11:1-10  
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" OT Page 496 (LP 784)

**ANTHEM** "An Advent Alleluia" Douglas Wagner

**GOSPEL READING** Matthew 3:1-12  
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 2 (LP 3)

**CHILDREN'S TALK** Helen Adsit

**SERMON** **Stories from Delaware**

**\*HYMN** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" # 2

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

**OFFERING**  
Invitation  
**Offertory Music** "Prepare the Way" arr Lammi  
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**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
Sharing Joys & Concerns  
Choral Prayer "Come and Fill" Berthier  
Silent Prayer  
Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer  
...See Laminated Pew Cards for the Lord's Prayer

**\*HYMN** "My Soul Cries Out" See Insert

**\*BENEDICTION** See Laminated Pew Cards concluding with...  
Leader: . Remember that 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** "On Jordan's Bank" arr Thiman

*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! Be sure to join us in the parlor after Worship for coffee break!

**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

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Today....10:00 am ....Worship followed by Coffee Break in Dining Hall for Cille Throop's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
11:15 am ....Church School  
Noon ....Youth Choir  
Mon....."Bring Your Own Poinsettia" Deadline  
*(Deliver to Church by Thursday Noon)*  
11:00 am ....Funeral Service for Tony Kimball  
Tues.....10:00 am ....Prayer Shawl Ministry/Crafty Ladies  
Mission Closet open til noon & again at 1:30  
6:00 pm ....Serenity Circle Potluck  
Wed.....9:00 am ....Wednesday AM Club in choir room  
6:30 am ....Bell Choir rehearses  
7:30 pm ....Senior Choir rehearses  
Thurs ..... 1:30 pm ....Mission Closet open til 3pm  
3:00 pm ....Bible Study in Library  
BIB Packing at TUCC  
7:00 pm ....Session meets  
Sat 10:00 am ....Christmas Candlelight Rehearsal

**NEXT SUNDAY** ...Isaiah 35:1-10; Matthew 11:2-11, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Pantry Collection, 4pm Christmas Candlelight

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**Ushers** are led by Dave Scaccia. Dec 15: Carl Longley  
**Layreader** is Mary Yates. Dec 15: Gail Tucker  
**Worship Recorder** is Shari Fish. Dec 15: Sue Davidson  
**Deacon Ramp Duty** is Kiki Hinman. Dec 15: Dianne Griffith  
**Weekly Congregation & Presbytery Prayer List:** Debbie Burrows, Megan, Shane & Paisley Mahosky, Cheryl & Kyle Sexton, Dick & Helen Martin, James Mathey and 1st Pres Westernville

**REMEMBER TO SUBMIT YOUR 2020 PLEDGE 😊**

**Calling All Adults!** Carrie Scaccia will soon be looking for your help to portray animals in the upcoming Christmas Pageant

**Our Project Angel Tree Tags:** Thirty (30) remain. If you are able to take a tag, we'll accept gifts for the Salvation Army's drive until WEDNESDAY. There is a green notebook in the vestibule to put your name, child's name, and a number of the tag which is located on the right hand corner. If a tag is lost, it can be replaced. The Salvation Army is asking for each Angel to receive at least one clothing item and two toys from the child's requests.