

December 3, 2023; 9:00 am
First Sunday of Advent - HOPE
Communion

We Gather Together

Welcome to our Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on ZOOM or watching several days from now, we are glad you are here. We extend a special welcome to our visitors. For those in person, please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew.

Gathering Music: *please join in singing the following Christmas Carols*

PH 11 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?" vs. 1 & 2

PH 38 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" vs. 1 & 4

PH 22 "Angels, From the Realms of Glory" vs. 1 & 4

Welcome & Announcements

A.J. Larson

Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

Lighting the Candle of Hope

The Larson Family

We light this candle in hope.

Hear God's promise of hope from Isaiah 2:2-4...

Let us pray:

Faithful God, out of war's chaos, you bring the order of peace.
Renew us in hope, that we may work toward Christ's advent of
peace among all nations.

God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.

***Sung Response: GTG #378 "We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom"**

***Call to Confession**

A.J. Larson

God calls us into glory,
even when we do not live lives

worthy of this calling.
In gratitude—for God has claimed us—
let us be honest with God about the ways
we are not worthy.
Let us confess to God.

***Prayer of Confession**

A.J. Larson

Christ who kneels to wash our feet,
Despite your clear example,
we cannot shake our usual ways of life.
We admit: we are tempted by honor and status.
We admit: we like to seem holier than we are.
We admit: we like to be respected more than others.
We admit: we would rather be “great” than a servant.
But you who are the greatest became the servant of all.

Help us to imitate you.
Humble us that we might be not just the image of your disciple,
but that we actually embody your teachings.

Silent Confession

(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)

***Assurance of Pardon**

God does not remember our sins, but does remember the promises which have been made to us. God does not shame us, but lifts us to new life. Lead us in your hope, O God, and teach us your love. You are the God of our days, we wait for you to come to us. Amen.

***Sharing God’s Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

*(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula ‘The Peace of Christ.’ ‘And also, with you.’ Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. **We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.**)*

***Sung Response PH 577 “Glory Be to the Father”**

God’s Word Is Proclaimed

First Lesson: Isaiah 64: 1-9 (page 694 in the pew Bible)

Second Lesson: Psalm 80 (page 540 in the pew Bible)

Epistle Lesson: I Corinthians 1: 3-9 (page 166 in the pew Bible)

Gospel Lesson: Mark 13: 24-37 (page 50 in the pew Bible)

Piano Solo: “Hope”

Macie Munson

Children’s Time

Jennifer Zander

Sermon: “Don’t Just Sit There!”

Rev. Rebecca Proefrock

***Sung Response: GTG #107**

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

We Respond to God’s Word

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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

Offering: “Days of Elijah”

Drums Dan B., trumpet Henry H.

***Offertory:** GTG 609 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

(TUNE: Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

***Offertory Prayer**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

GTG 521 “In Remembrance of Me”

(Remain seated, we sing this song as the table is being prepared for communion)

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 God thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy

to give you thanks and praise,

O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

In your wisdom, you made all things

and sustain them by your power.

You formed us in your image,

setting us in this world to love and to serve you,
and to live in peace with your whole creation.
When we rebelled against you
refusing to trust and obey you,
you did not reject us,
but still claimed us as your own.
You sent prophets to call us back to your way.

Then in the fullness of time,
out of your great love for the world,
you sent your only Son to be one of us,
to redeem us and heal our brokenness.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with choirs of angels,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Glory to God #565

The musical score is written on four staves in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC (SANCTUS (Haugen)): Marty Haugen, 1984, © 1984 GIA Publications, Inc.

Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est,
ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
In Jesus, born of Mary, your Word became flesh
and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.
He lived as one of us, knowing joy and sorrow.
He healed the sick,
fed the hungry,
opened blind eyes,
broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and needy.
Dying on the cross,
he gave himself for the life of the world.
Rising from the grave,
he won for us victory over death.
Seated at your right hand,
he leads us to eternal life.
We praise you that Christ now reigns with you in glory,
and will come again to make all things new.

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus,
on the night before he died, took bread,
and after giving thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat.
This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,
we joyfully celebrate his dying and rising,
as we await the day of his coming.
With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you
to be a living and holy sacrifice,
dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

Glory to God #566



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en;



Christ will come a - gain.



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en;



Christ will come a - gain.

Gracious God,
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break
and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
that we may be one with all who share this feast,
united in ministry in every place.
As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Remember your church. . . .
Unite it in the truth of your Word
and empower it in ministry to the world.
Remember the world of nations. . . .
By your Spirit renew the face of the earth;
let peace and justice prevail.
Remember our family and friends. . . .
Bless them and watch over them;
be gracious to them and give them peace.
Remember the sick and the suffering,
the aged and the dying. . . .
Encourage them and give them hope.
Rejoicing in the communion of saints,
we remember with thanksgiving
all your faithful servants, and those dear to us,
whom you have called from this life. . . .
We are grateful that for them death is no more,
nor is there sorrow, crying, or pain,
for the former things have passed away.

In union with your church in heaven and on earth,
we pray, O God, that you will fulfill your eternal purpose
in us and in all the world.

Keep us faithful in your service
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we shall feast with all your saints

in the joy of your eternal realm.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

Amen

Glory to God #568

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the refrain 'Amen, amen, amen!'. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of four measures: the first measure has a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note Bb4; the second measure has a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note C5, and a half note Bb4; the third measure has a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a half note F4; the fourth measure has a whole note E4. The second staff is identical to the first, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - - men!' are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllable placement.

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

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.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

Loving God,
we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
in your eternal kingdom.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Sung Response: GTG #100**

“My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: Wake, Awake, For night is Flying

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Larry Johnson

This Week at Church

Sunday 12.3 Communion First Sunday of Advent

9:00-10:00am Worship – Pastor Rebecca Proefrock
10:15am Fellowship Time
10:20-11:15am Growing Connections

- Adults The Nativity Story - Parlor
- 8th-12th Grade Teaching Classes
- 4th – 7th Grade Room 3
- Preschool – 3rd Grade Room 8

10:30-11:3am Worship Team
11:30-12:30pm Learning Team
1:00-3:00pm Happy Birthday Jesus Party
6:00-7:30pm Boy Scout Merit Badge & Committee Meeting

Monday 12.04
10:00-11:00pm Staff Meeting
6:30-8:00pm Special Session Meeting

Wednesday 12.06
8:00-9:00am Men’s Breakfast
1:00-2:30pm Personnel Team
4:30-5:30pm Bell Choir

Thursday 12.07
11:00-3:00pm Flying Geese Quilters – Gathering Room

Saturday 12.09
9:00-12:00pm Table Tennis
11:00-2:00pm Citizens Climate Lobby – Gathering Room

Sunday 12.10 Second Sunday of Advent
9:00-10:00am Worship
10:00-10:30am Congregational Meeting
Following Meeting Fellowship Time
10:20-11:15am Growing Connections

- Adults Sermon Discussion-Pedro A. will facilitate.
- 8th-12th Grade Room 6
- 4th – 7th Grade Room 3
- Preschool – 3rd Grade Room 8

6:00-7:30pm Boy Scout Meeting

Looking Ahead

Worship	December 17	Pastor Ken Nabi
Christmas Eve Worship	December 24	Pastor Dan Schultz 9:00am & 6:00pm
New Year's Eve Worship	December 31	Chaplain Darren Beachy

PRAYERS

Brian C.	Jolene S. – Sister and her husband
Pat D.	Lynn K.
Gib D.	Jane D.
Arnold L.	Ashley K.
Jesse F.	Dick S.
Liam A.	Mike S.
Burt M.	Dale Frize
Cathie	Presbyterian Nominating Committee (PNC)
Chastity G. and Joan S.	All the countries affected by unrest, violence, and war.
Marie L.	

If you have a pastoral concern, that happens after office hours, please leave a voice mail message, on the office phone, (920.922.0425). We will direct your call to the appropriate person, the following day.

E-Giving

Consider giving electronically. It's easy, convenient, and secure. You can sign-up on our website www.fdlpresbyterian.org. Click on 'Giving'. (You can change your giving at any time.) We are so very thankful for those of you who tithe or give regularly to our church. Your contributions help us do God's work.

Please take a moment to thank those who help make our service run smoothly. Because of them, we can worship God well.

Weekly Statistics

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>WEEKLY INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
November 26, 2023	95 IN THE SEATS	\$4,686.00	OFFERINGS/TITHES
11/20--11/24/2023		\$391.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS
		\$5,077.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK
11/26/2023	4 HOUSEHOLDS		4-HOUSEHOLDS VIEWED THE ZOOM SERVICE FOR 11/26/2023



The Angel Tree List is available! Stop by the Welcome Center and choose a child or two to support this Christmas.

The list is also available on our website under "Get Involved" or you can go directly to the list [here](#).

If you need assistance or have any questions, please contact the church office.

Please bring your gifts to church by December 17.



Image: <https://standrewslebanon.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Alternative-Gifts.png>

The Alternative Gift Fair*

The Alternative Gift Fair is going strong! This year we are supporting:

- St. Katharine Drexel Center
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- Serving and Learning Together (S.A.L.T.)**

There is a table in the Narthex where you can sign up, and get your questions answered (before and after worship). Please sign up by December 17.

It's a gift of joy for you, the recipients, and the charity. Think about 'doing' Christmas like this! Your gifts mean so much!

*The Alternative Gift Fair shopping list is [here](#).

**You can read more about S.A.L.T. [here](#) and [here](#).



9:00am Service / **6:00pm Service**
Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve Service

HOPE ON THE BLOCK



Hope on the Block is a non-profit organization that provides community pantries to ensure the homeless community has essential items and resources they need. Hope on the Block is 100% volunteer run and relies on donations from the community.

The first pantry was opened, August 2022, in Fond du Lac and is located at the Fond du Lac Public Library (32 Sheboygan St.). In May 2023, 2 more pantries were opened. One is in North Fond du Lac at Spillman Public Library (719 Wisconsin Ave.) The third location is in Ripon located at Traded Treasures (102 W. Jackson St.).

If you would like to donate to Hope on the Block, there is a aqua box in the Narthex. There are also lists of items needed located at the Welcome Center or on our website, under Church News, Christmas Missions.

Items needed for HOPE ON THE BLOCK

The items in BOLD
are the most needed.

Non-Perishable food

Water

Winter Weather Gear

***Hand warmers**

***Hats and gloves**

Toilet Paper

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste

Tissue packages

Shampoo/conditioner

Deodorant

Feminine care products

Body wash/soap

Deodorant

Feminine care products

Hand lotion

Hand sanitizer

Band-aids

Combs/brushes/Hair ties

Chapstick

Sunscreen

First Candle – The Candle of Hope

The first candle represents the hope born out of all that God has done and will do for humanity.





Poinsettia Order Form

Poinsettias will be ordered for the holiday season and placed in the sanctuary. Please return your form and payment to the church office. Orders must be received by **December 3**.

Name _____

Email _____

In HONOR of _____

In MEMORY of _____

In CELEBRATION of _____

_____ Small Poinsettia \$15.00 _____ Large Poinsettia \$28.00

_____ Yes _____ No I will be picking up my poinsettia
after church, December 24, 2023.

Office

Date Paid _____ Amount _____

Cash/Check _____ Pick Up: Y N