

December 4, 2022; 9:00 am
Second Sunday of Advent

We Gather Together

Gathering Music: *please join in singing the following Christmas carols*
PH 44 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” vs. 1 & 4
PH 31 “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” vs. 1 & 2
PH 41 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” vs. 1 & 3

Carol Wetzal, Cantor

*(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. Please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. **Masking (N-95 preferred) and social distancing are not required but are respected and encouraged. Please consider your own health and the health of those around you.**)*

Welcome & Announcements

Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

Lighting of the Candle of Peace

Jaeda R. and Leah R.

On this Advent journey, we are mindful of the brokenness of the world that surrounds us.

We long for the peace that surpasses all understanding.

As we look beside us, we see fractured relationships and unforgiving hearts.

We long for the peace that surpasses all understanding.

As we look within ourselves, we confess the reconciling words we have yet to speak and restoring deeds we have yet to do.

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As we light the candles of Hope and Peace, we make the commitment to sharing the love of Christ with everyone we meet, and in that way to know God’s presence and peace.

We share and celebrate the peace that surpasses all understanding.

Amen.

GTG 85 “Light One Candle” vs. 2 (during the lighting of the candle)

Prayer (Isaiah 2, Romans 13)

When, O God, will the day of peace come?

When will the nations stream to your holy mountain
and beat their swords into plowshares?

When will the long night of war and hatred,
give way to the dawn of love, righteousness, and joy?

We are ready for the dawn, O God.

Shine your light into our world, mighty One of peace.

Illuminate the path, and give us the wisdom and courage
to follow your light.

We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

***Hymn GTG 378** We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom

***Call to Confession**

John Neville

John the Baptist’s cry echoes through the ages: Repent, for the kingdom of
heaven has come near! Here and now, we go to God in humility and faith,
confessing our sins.

***Confession**

God of all creation, your vision of peace is beyond our knowing.

**We have been hurt and we have seen destruction, so we turn around and
hurt others, destroying what you have called good.**

**Forgive us, and fill us with your knowledge,
so we may help bring forth your peaceful kingdom.**

Silent Confession

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

***Assurance of Pardon**

Christ comes into our world—

Christ comes into our lives—

to purify us and give us another chance.

Beloved, believe the truth of the Gospel:

We have another chance, for in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Amen.

***Sharing God’s Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with! **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.**)*

***Hymn GTG 583** Glory to God

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 11:1-10

Epistle Lesson Romans 15:4-13

Gospel Lesson Matthew 3:1-12

Children's Time

Jennifer Zander

Sermon "The Fruitful Community"

Pastor Ken Locke

We Respond to God's Word

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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.

How can we thank you, O God?

For sun and moon and stars;

For breath and life and all things good;

For your steadfast promise and your faithful love;

For the day that is surely coming

When all things will be made new.

With saints, with angels, and with the whole creation,

We join the ancient and eternal hymn:

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC (LAND OF REST): American folk melody; adapt. Marcia Pruner, 1980; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984; adapt. © 1980 Church Pension Fund; arr. © 1986 GIA Publications, Inc.

2. 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.

We give you thanks, Holy God, for Jesus,
Who came to be your living Word,
To baptize us with Spirit and fire,
To feed the hungry, to humble the mighty,
And to announce the good news of your coming realm.

**With thanksgiving, we remember how,
When the hour had come,
Jesus took his place at the table with the apostles.
He said to them, "I will not eat this Passover again
Until is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God."**

Then Jesus took bread,
And when he had given thanks,
He broke it and gave it to them, saying,
"This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took a cup, saying,
"This cup that is poured out for you
Is the new covenant in my blood.
I will not drink the fruit of the vine
Until the Kingdom of God comes."

**With thanks and praise we offer ourselves to you,
Sharing this holy meal,
Remembering Christ's dying and rising,
And praying: Come, Lord Jesus!**

Christ has died; Christ is ris - en;

Christ will come a - gain.

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Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us –
This bread, this cup, these people –
Christ's body and blood,
Given in love for the world.

**Make us one in the Spirit,
One in the church,
And one with Christ our Lord.**

Make us gentle, joyful, thankful people,
Serving our neighbors, worshiping you alone.
Keep us in the peace of Christ
Until you gather us at your table in glory.

**Even now, a voice is crying in the wilderness:
Prepare the way of the Lord!**

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
All glory and honor are yours almighty God,
Now and forever, **Amen.**

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 heavenly 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,
Who taught us how to live well when
He taught us how to pray, saying,

**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.**

Offering "Aberystwyth"

by Healey Willan

***Offertory PH 427** Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service (vs. 1)

***Offertory Prayer**

***Hymn GTG 163** Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

Charge and Benediction

Let all God's people say,
Alleluia, Amen!

***Closing Refrain PH 9** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs 1&2)

Postlude “Oh, Come, Emmanuel”

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Prayers

Brian C.
Gary G.
Pat D.
Gib D.
Arnold L.
Pauline W.
Jesse F.
Pedro and Kristina Arellano*
 Pedro’s father passed away last week.

Silas W.
Liam A.
Jerry and Mary H.
Chastity G. and Joan S.
Jolene S. – Sister and her husband
The family of Nenad Malic
 Nenad passed away last week.

*Pedro Arellano’s father, Pedro Arellano, Jr., passed away on Thursday November 24. Mr. Arellano’s Memorial Service will be Saturday, December 10. Visitation is from 1:00-3:00pm. His memorial service is immediately following the visitation, at 3:00pm. Dessert and coffee will be provided following the service.

Uganda, PCUSA Missionaries and Rev. John Tubuwa and his family. Uganda is experiencing an outbreak of Ebola in many areas.

Additional News, Updates and General Information can be found on our website: www.fdlpresbyterian.org.

This Week at Church

Sunday 12.4 Second Sunday of Advent

9:00-10:00am
Worship
Communion
Pastor Ken is leading us in worship.
Sanctuary & Zoom
10:15am
Fellowship Time
10:15-11:15am
Growing Connections for All Ages
Book Study – “Holy Disruption”
4:00-5:30pm
PYA – Angel Tree Shopping
6:00-7:30pm
Boy Scouts

Monday 12.05
10:00-11:30am
Staff Meeting
1:00-2:00pm
Deacon Meeting

Tuesday 12.06
7:00-8:00pm
Confirmation

Wednesday 12.07
8:00-9:00am
Men’s Breakfast
4:30-5:30pm
Hand Bell Practice

Thursday 12.8
4:30-5:30pm
Loving Team

Friday 12.09
8:00-11:00pm
Advocap Training

Saturday 12.10
1:00-4:00pm
Arellano Memorial Service

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PYA
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Learning Team
6:00-7:30pm
Scout Troop 702

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

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.

Weekly Statistics

Nov. 27, 2022	89	\$1,085.00	OFFERINGS/TITHES
Nov. 27, 2022		\$0.00	RAISE THE ROOF CAMPAIGN
11/21--11/25/2022		\$601.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS
11/21--11/25/2022		\$0.00	VANCO-ONLINE ROOF OFFERINGS
		\$1,686.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK
		\$47,731.97	TOTAL IN THE "RAISE THE ROOF" CAMPAIGN FUND
11/27/2022	4		ATTENDANCE FOR THE LIVE STREAMING SERVICE 11/27/2022



ADVENT

Hope. Peace. Joy. Love.



Faithfulness

Self-Control

Patience

Goodness

Gentleness

Joy

Kindness

Peace

Love

“Five Reasons to Embrace the Season of Advent”

Rev. Dr. Paul Burns

1) The culture we live in has virtually no interest in Advent. There are no Advent Wreaths lining the shelves at Wal-Mart. No music about the second coming of Christ playing on the radio. There’s no War on Advent talk on the news shows. **This is good news. It means Advent is a much more spiritually pure season.**

2) **Advent offers an antidote for the instant gratification bug that our culture has caught.** In the midst of what has become an incredibly self-indulgent season of more, more, more, and now, now, now, Advent is about patiently waiting. It is a practice of the embrace of longing. We learn to wait with growing anticipation. We make ourselves so hungry for Christ that we began to want his presence and his ways above the things of this world.

3) **Advent teaches us to be at peace when the world is not.** Peace comes from knowing that everything is going to be alright in the end. Christ will come. It does not mean that we are passive in the face of evil. It means that we work toward peace with the sure knowledge of success. It’s less like treading water and more like swimming, knowing that the shore is near.

4) **In a “need to know” world, Advent points us toward mystery.** There is a reality beyond our grasp and comprehension that we brush against if we are paying attention. God is mixing and mingling with us in strange and mysterious ways. But we must be open to the possibility of things happening that we can’t, and won’t, understand.

5) **In a world that values speed, Advent invites us to slow down.** Yes, there is a time for fast action, but there is also a time to take it slow. Slowing down allows us to take stock of our lives and to consider things more carefully. It allows us to experience wonder. When we rush, we miss the good stuff. Sometimes I think we are in such a hurry that we don’t even really know where we are really going. Going slow allows us to consider where we are, where we’ve come from, and where we are going.

Take a road less travelled this December and enjoy the ride!