First Presbyterian Church
November 27, 2016

Advent 2016

The Sacred Breaking Through
Prelude
Chiming of the Hour
Welcome

Introit (hymn 106)
Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.
O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.

*Lighting of the Advent Candle and Call to Worship (from Isaiah 2)
Come, let us go up to the mountain of God,
That we may learn God’s ways and walk in God’s paths.
For from God’s mountain shall go forth instruction;
God shall judge between the nations and arbitrate for many peoples.
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
Neither shall they learn war any more.

*Hymn 96 On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry

*Invitation to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of patient mercy, you call us to be alert, for you are coming at an unknown hour. And yet, we live as though we have all the time in the world. We are complacent in our care for your creation, and we put off until another day the work of tending to those in need. Forgive us, we pray. Infuse us with the urgency of your gospel, that we might help to hasten the time when swords are beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks. We pray in the name of Emmanuel, God-with-Us.

(time for silent confession)
And let God’s people say: Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*The Peace of Christ

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.
Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.
*Sung response

_Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!_

Anthem

_O Come, O Come, Emmanuel_  
Bandy

Time with the Children

(Children are invited to remain for the rest of the service or go to First Steps.)

First Reading

_Isaiah 2:1-5_

Prayer for Illumination

_Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand;  
Listen to the voice that began creation; listen even if you don’t understand._

Second Reading

_Matthew 24:36-44_

Sermon

_What Are You Waiting For?_  
Sharon Youngs

*Affirmation of Faith*  
The Apostles’ Creed (traditional version)

_I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen._

Offering of God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

Offertory

_Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne_  
Matthews/arr. Wagner

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication* (hymn 606)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

_Hymn 501_  
_Feed Us, Lord_

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

_The Lord be with you._

_And also with you._  
Lift up your hearts.

_We lift them up to the Lord._  
Let us thanks to the Lord.

_It is right to give thanks and praise._  
It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise …  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:  
(continued on back)
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ … all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. 

Amen.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread, Pouring of the Cup

Sharing of the Elements
Communion is served by intinction. You are invited to come forward, take a piece of bread (all gluten-free), dip it into the chalice, and then eat it.

Prayer after Communion
We give you thanks for the nourishment we have received at this Table, O God. May it sustain us in all that we do to show forth your justice, mercy, compassion, and love until you come again; through Christ we pray. Amen.

*Hymn 378
We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom

*Charge and Blessing

*Congregational Response (hymn 108)
Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee, Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be. Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore! Amen.

Postlude
People, Look East Trad. French melody/arr. Aber

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Today's flowers are given by Camille Graves & Will Lavender to the glory of God and honor of their daughter Esmee's birthday.
Welcome to First Presbyterian Church (FPC)!
No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here. We hope you feel the love that is present and our joy in having you with us. Please join us for refreshments in the fellowship hall following worship.
- Nursery care is available in the Education building. Ask any of the ushers to direct you, if needed.
- Hearing assistance units and large print bulletins are available from the ushers.
- Audio recordings of sermons and more information on FPC are at fpcor.org. Please call the church office (483-1318) for audio recordings of the entire service.

Worship Notes
This year's theme for Advent is "The Sacred Breaking Through," which reminds us of both the coming of the Christ child and the Light of Christ that is continually breaking through the violence and injustice in this world. The picture on the bulletin cover is of the display in the narthex.

John the Baptist's announcement "Prepare the way for the Lord" (Matt. 3:3, a quote from Isa. 40:3) is the primary basis for hymn 106 (introit). Stanzas 1 and 2 apply that message to people today; stanza 3 is a confession by God's people of their need for salvation; stanza 4 is a prayer for healing and love; stanza 5 is a doxology. This much-loved Advent text is laced with scriptural phrases.

Lessons & Carols
Community Service
All are invited to a Lessons & Carols service at First United Methodist Church of Oak Ridge this Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m. The FPC adult choir will join with the choir from FUMC. Debbie Cain and Peggy Hinkle will be playing.

An offering will be received, to be split between ADFAC and Africa ELI, a mission to children in South Sudan. All are invited to dinner beforehand at 5:30 p.m. The cost is $6.

Coffee Chat
Sharon will have a pot of coffee ready for any and all who'd like to stop by room 6 tomorrow morning, Monday, Nov. 28, at 9:30 a.m. to chat about whatever is on your heart and mind. (Coffee drinking is not a prerequisite.)

EHS Angel Tree
There is an angel tree in the fellowship hall today for the students (and their siblings) of the Early Head Start (EHS) program housed here at FPC. Please consider choosing a child or youth to gift with “something to wear, something to read, something they want, and something they need.” Gifts need to be wrapped, labeled, and delivered to the fellowship hall by Sunday, Dec. 11.

Today's Worship Volunteers
Liturgist: Susan Sharp
Time with Children: Sharon Youngs
First Steps: Chris Black, Teresa Brittain
Sound Guild: Don Spong
Ushers: Andre Darko, George Darko, Louise Dunlap, Fred Haywood, Sally Haywood, Carolyn Krause, Dave Mullins, Walt Porter
Counters: Jim Campbell, Carolyn Krause
Flowers: Camille Graves
Fellowship Hosts: Jeri Duke, Joe Gray
Opening/Closing: Dan Terpstra, Jim Tonne

Each Communion Sunday affords you the opportunity to make a gift to the Minister's Discretionary Fund, used by the pastor for emergency and pastoral needs of church members and others in our community. Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and put “MDF” on the memo line.
CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK
November 27-December 4, 2016

Sun. 11/27  First Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m.  Early Birds / Rise ‘n’ Shine (next page)
10:00 a.m.  Worship
11:15 a.m.  Sunday school (next page)

Mon. 11/28  
9:30 a.m.  Coffee chat (room 6)
12:00 p.m.  Men’s lunch (Shoney’s)
5:15 p.m.  ADFAC board meeting (fellowship hall)
6:00 p.m.  Boy Scouts Troop 42 (room 102)

Tues. 11/29  
10:00 a.m.  Staff meeting (Sharon’s office)
12:15 p.m.  Centering prayer (sanctuary)
5:30 p.m.  Alcoholics Anonymous (room 100)
6:30 p.m.  Guitar workshop (choir room)

Wed. 11/30  
11:30 a.m.  Al Anon (room 100)
6:30 p.m.  Community Lessons & Carols (FUMC)

Thurs. 12/1

Fri. 12/2  
6:00 p.m.  AYSO meeting (room 102)
7:30 p.m.  Chinese Bible study (room 6)

Sat. 12/3

Sun. 12/4  Second Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m.  Early Birds / Rise ‘n’ Shine (next page)
10:00 a.m.  Worship
11:15 a.m.  Sunday school (next page)

Celebrations this week:
Birthdays
11/29  Wayne Clark
11/30  Esmee Graves
11/30  Ryan Tilley
12/3  Lewis Phillips

and anniversaries
12/1  Gail & Phillip King
12/2  Bonnie & Syd Murray

Remember those who are . . .
in healthcare and retirement communities:
Mary Cathcart, Bob Clausing, Leslie Cowan, Anna George Dobbins, Lois Lacy, Dick Lord, Anna & Marvin Randolph, Ruth Reeve

homebound:
Sandra Edwards, Lillian Lafferty

Looking Ahead
Sun., Dec. 11—FPC's Lessons & Carols service during worship; annual “Cider & Cookies” after worship in the fellowship hall (cider provided; bring cookies!)
Wed., Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m.—Service of Memory and Hope, sanctuary
Thurs., Dec. 15—Church staff Christmas reception in the fellowship hall
Sat., Dec. 24—Christmas Eve candlelight service at 7:00 p.m.

Cider & Cookies
Sunday, Dec. 11 we gather for “Cider & Cookies” in the fellowship hall after worship. The cider will be provided. Please bring a plate of your favorite cookies to share.

Please submit announcements for the Sunday bulletin to the church office by Wednesday afternoon. Newsletter submissions for The Banner should be made to the church office or Carolyn Krause (chkrause23@gmail.com) by the 15th of each month.
**ADULTS**

**9:00 a.m.**

“Early Birds” class – room 6 (coffee/treats, Bible study/discussion) Studying the Book of Genesis.


**11:15 a.m.**


**CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

**11:15 a.m.**

Nursery (through age 3), first floor, Education building.

Age 4 through first grade, second floor, Education building. Teachers: Deb Bostick, Irene Darko, Linda Fall

Grades 2-5, second floor, Education building Teachers: Dale Hadden, Pete Johnson, Peggy Bertrand-Terpstra

Youth (grades 6-12), room 200, Activities building. Teachers: Anne Backus, Margaret Ann King, Dallas Stults

There will be no Youth and Children’s Sunday school following worship today. Instead there will be a First Sunday of Advent activity in Room 102 with Chris for all who would normally be in Sunday school.

**River Boat Excursion**

Your Congregational Care and Welcome Committee invite you to take a Tennessee Aquarium River Cruise on Saturday, Jan. 7, to observe the annual Sandhill Crane migration.

Two vans will depart the church parking lot at 10:00 a.m. that morning. There will be a stop for lunch before arriving in Soddy Daisy to board the boat by 1:30 p.m. The boat is handicap accessible, has indoor space for inclement weather and a naturalist will be aboard to offer explanation and interpretation.

The cost of the trip is $58, which covers van rental and the river boat tour (scholarships are available). Space is limited to 25, so contact Dale Hadden (865-805-2251 or orhadden@comcast) to make a reservation.
Please consider donating flowers for worship—

To donate flowers ($35) for worship, in memory or honor of someone on a particular Sunday, just sign up on the flower calendar for 2017 posted in the fellowship hall. You can put a check in the offering plate or mail it in close to the date.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS SUNDAY, DEC. 4

Liturgist: Wendy Myers
Time with Children: Chris Black
First Steps: TBA
Sound Guild: Sydney Murray
Ushers: Anne Backus, Bill Bostick, Pat Clark, Kate Fulcher, Joe Gray, Matt Lindsey, Lewis Phillips, Tammy Pietrzak
Counters: Anne Backus, Fred Haywood
Flowers: Bonnie & Syd Murray
Fellowship Hosts: Mary Cathcart, Judy Greeson
Opening/Closing: Anne Backus, Dennis Strickler

First Presbyterian Church—A PC(USA) Congregation

Sharon Youngs  Pastor  Chris Black  Dir. of Cong. Care & Discipleship
Anna Thomas  Director of Music  Peggy Hinkle  Organist
Adrienne Pyle  Office Manager  Omer Breeden  Custodian
Brittany King  Nursery  Kelly Johnson  Nursery
Bailey Wilson  Nursery

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