



# Service For The Lord's Day

*Second Sunday of Advent/Communion/2 Cents-a-Meal*

**December 4, 2022**

**10:00 A.M. Worship**

**WELCOME!** We are glad you are worshipping with us today. We pray that you will be challenged and find joy, hope, and celebration in this time spent together in the presence of God. *Please sign and pass the "Ritual of Friendship" booklet; then, return it to the first person.*

## **PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

*John the Baptist exhorts us to prepare the way of the Lord. We are to be messengers of peace and unity, speaking truth to power. Sometimes that all seems impossible, but this is the season of impossible things—a savior as a baby in a stable.*

## **GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### **PRELUDE**

"The First Nowell"

Trad.

*Maria Fesz, cello*

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH** "Stand as a Signal" Andrea and Scott Lehman

### **\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION** *(In Unison)*

**God of the wolf and the lamb. We gather here to worship You – You, Who brings enemies together; You, Who combines earth and heaven; You, Who knows nothing of impossibility. Expand our hopes and our imaginations, so that new dreams of peace and unity might arise. With hope, peace, joy, and love, we adore and worship You. In the name of Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.**

### **\*OPENING HYMN**

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

No. 129

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**      *(Lay Reader)*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**      *(In Unison)*

**Gracious and welcoming God, have mercy on Your people. We confess that we do not always believe in Your incarnation. We do not heed Your Word each day in all that we say and do. We do not always stand for peace but sit in non-committal silence. We do not see our neighbors, families, and friends as beloved children whom You have made. In Your mercy, forgive us, for we repent of our ways and look to Your power to heal us and raise us up to stand for peace in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.**

**\*KYRIE** No. 574

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**      *(Pastor Betty)*

*The water poured into the baptism font is a reminder of our own baptism and that Jesus Christ is the living water Who nourishes us and offers us forgiveness and new life.*

**\*GLORIA PATRI** No. 579

### **GOD’S PEOPLE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**      *(In Unison)*

**Your Word, Holy God, was written for our instruction. By Your Holy Spirit, open our ears and fill us with the mysteries of Your ancient love, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 11:1-10

**ANTHEM** Martin  
*“Colors of Winter”*  
*Maria Fesz, cello*

**SECOND READING** Matthew 3:1-11

**SERMON** Rev. Dr. Betty Angelini  
*“How Much Is Too Much?”*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**      *“The Apostles’ Creed” (Ecumenical)* Hymnal p. 17

**\*HYMN** No. 533  
*“In the Singing”*

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

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 give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...**“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, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.”**

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Music

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Lanz

Prayer

### GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

**OFFERTORY**

“What Child Is This”

arr. Sterling

*Maria Fesz, cello*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

No. 592

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*(In Unison)*

**We give You thanks, Holy One, for all good things: for Jesus our brother, Who taught us about peace, setting before us as the bread and the cup of abundant life, and Who moves in our midst with the power to lead us to the way of peace. Turn our offerings to Your good will and turn us always to You in gratitude. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

No. 123

### GOD’S PEOPLE GO FORTH TO SERVE

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**BENEDICTION**

“Gloria”

Trad.

**POSTLUDE**

“Ukranian Bell Carol”

Rice

***THE CELEBRATION HAS ENDED;  
LET OUR SERVICE BEGIN!***

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Welcome Visitors!



The Nursery is available for infants to 4-year-olds—see Donna Latessa  
FPC Vision: Glorify and enjoy God through worship, education, and service.  
FPC's Web Page: <http://www.fpcwarren.org>  
Email address: [info@fpcwarren.org](mailto:info@fpcwarren.org)  
Facebook: First Presbyterian Church of Warren  
Hearing Devices to better enable you to hear the service are available from one of the ushers. Please return the device at the end of the service.  
Please sign and complete the attendance pad in the pew.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL** this morning are dedicated to the **Glory of God** and in loving memory of **Mary Ellen Zeuner** on her first heavenly birthday by **Ray Zeuner**.

**RADIO MINISTRY** is funded this morning by **General Fund**. Our service is broadcast at 10:00 a.m. Sundays on 1570 AM and 97.7 FM. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, donations designated for the Radio Ministry may be placed in the offering box; contributions may also be mailed to the Church Office with “Radio Ministry” in the memo of the check. Our Radio Ministry costs approximately \$125.00 per week; your financial support will keep this ministry alive.

**THE DEACONS** would like to thank all who remember the Deacons’ Cupboard while shopping. They are requesting **cake mixes and icing** for the month of **December**. You may leave your items in the Deacons’ box in Fellowship Hall.

**THE LOVE TREE** was filled with 90 tags for Willard School children in grades 3-5. All the tags have been taken, and we want to thank you for your generosity. Please return the gifts by **Sunday, December 11**.

**2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES:** You can pick up your 2023 offering envelopes in Fellowship Hall starting today. Names and addresses are printed on the boxes. Any questions, please call the Church Office @ 330-393-1524.

**A WHOVILLE ADVENT CELEBRATION:** Join us today after worship in Fellowship Hall. We will have a Who-venly time and get in the Christmas spirit with food, fun, crafts, and games. We hope to see you there!

**THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS PROJECT:** Wooden hearts were given out during the Founders’ Day dinner. Please be sure to have your heart decorated and returned to the Church by **December 18**. If you didn’t get a heart and would like one, please see Russell.

**THE ALTERNATIVE GIFT-GIVING PROGRAM** will continue through Dec. 18, 2022. Today's AGG spotlight shines on **FPC Wish List – Stained-Glass Windows Project.**

*No one can look at FPC's stained-glass windows and not be overcome with emotion, as their beauty and intricate artistic detail serve as a constant source of meditation and reflection. Stained-glass windows are generally considered an outgrowth of Roman mosaics, which usually related a story through the use of colored tiles and glass shards. Originally referred to as the "Bible of the Poor," stained-glass windows would tell excerpts of Biblical stories, so that the poor, who usually could not read, could learn Scripture through this artwork. Symbolism was abundant, such as a dove representing the Holy Spirit and colors representing love (blue), death (black), and God (purple). As you sit in our beautiful sanctuary, look around and take in these pieces of art. Help us to restore and preserve the beauty of these historical windows by donating to the FPC Wish List.*

Other organizations included in this year's AGG event are Animal Welfare League, Free Indeed Ministry, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Second Harvest Food Bank, and Water for the People (PC-USA). Remember to make out your check to First Presbyterian Church (put "AGG" on the memo line) and to include your order blank with the name(s) of your designated charity(ies). You can drop your donation into the offering plate or mail it to the FPC office. Thank you!



Online giving can be done with your phone using the QR code on the left or use the pew card.

LAY READER:

RADIO, LIGHTS AND SOUND SYSTEM:

VIDEO PROJECTION:

*Andrea Lehman  
Luke Heiligenberg  
Robert Stahl*

**MEMORIAL LUMINARIES** – It is time to order luminaries for this Christmas season. With the beautiful light glowing from many luminaries, the warm feeling of Christmas will permeate the Sanctuary. The cost of the luminaries is \$10.00 each. Please complete the form below and return it to the Church Office with your payment. **All orders must be received and paid for by Friday, December 16, 2022!!**

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In memory/honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Luminaries at \$10.00 each

**Please check which fund will benefit from your donation.**

\_\_\_\_\_ FPC Endowment Fund    \_\_\_\_\_ Stained-Glass Window Fund

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

- Sun, Dec. 4      - **Second Sunday of Advent/Communion/2 Cents a Meal**  
- **Choir Rehearsal**..... 8:30 am  
- **Worship**..... 10:00 am  
- **Whoville Advent Celebration, FH** ..... 11:15 am  
- **Racial Healing Study** .....7-8:30 pm
- Mon, Dec. 5      - OA, P..... 10:00 am  
- AA, MC..... 7:00 pm
- Tues, Dec. 6      - Al-Anon, MC ..... 9:30 am  
- Girl Scouts, FH ..... 5:30 pm  
- NA, MC..... 7:00 pm
- Wed, Dec. 7      - **Crafters, B**..... 10:00 am  
- AA, B ..... 5:00 pm  
- AA, MC..... 6:30 pm
- Thur, Dec. 8      - **Prayer Talk, FH** ..... 9:00 am  
- **Bell Practice, S**..... 7:00 pm  
- **CE Meeting** ..... 7:00 pm
- Fri, Dec. 9      - **Church Office Closed**
- Sun, Dec. 11      - **Third Sunday of Advent**  
- **Choir Rehearsal**..... 8:30 am  
- **Worship**..... 10:00 am  
- **Sunday School** ..... 10:15 am  
- **InSPIREd Kids and Youth**..... 10:30 am  
- **How the Grinch Stole Christmas Program**..... 11:15 am

FH-Fellowship Hall    MC-Mable Culver    P-Parlor    B-Badger Hall    T-Tieffle Lounge    Z-Zoom



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