



Service For The Lord's Day

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024 **Those who are able, please stand.* **10:00 A.M. Worship**

WELCOME! We are glad you are worshiping 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.*

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine"

German Carol

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Blessed are You, Lord God: by Your tender mercy, the dawn breaks upon us. Guide our feet this day in paths of peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Mary Chuirazzi

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,

All: for He has shown favor and redeemed His people.

Leader: He has raised up a Savior in the house of His servant David,

All: as spoken on the lips of His holy prophets of old.

Leader: He has shown mercy to us and remembered His holy covenant.

All: We will serve Him in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.

Leader: The tender mercy of God will dawn on high and visit us with salvation.

All: It will shine on those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

Leader: Christ is coming to guide our feet in the way of peace.

All: Come quickly, Lord Jesus.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsive)*

Leader: John came out of the wilderness to preach repentance; He preaches to us still.

People: Make straight the paths we now walk and prepare the way for God's reign of justice and love.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (Lay Reader)

***OPENING HYMN** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” No. 82

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

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

Refining God, You have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best nor made way for Your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew Your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***KYRIE** No. 574

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (Lay Reader)

***GLORIA PATRI** No. 579

GOD’S PEOPLE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Lay Reader)

FIRST READING (Pastor) Malachi 3:1-4

SECOND READING (Lay Reader) Philippians 1:3-11

GOSPEL (Pastor) Luke 3:1-6

ANTHEM “Chill of the Nightfall” Horman

SERMON “Purification” Rev. Kelly Lindsay

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *excerpt from the Nicene Creed*

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.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

***PREPARATION PSALM** “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Responsive)

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

All: And also with you.

**(Please greet nearby worshipers and return to your seat.)*

OFFERTORY

“Still, Still, Still”

German Carol

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 592

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

(Pastor)

...“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.”

***HYMN**

“Joy to the World”

No. 134

GOD’S PEOPLE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

BENEDICTION

“Amen”

***POSTLUDE**

“Bring a Torch”

Trad. French

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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Welcome Visitors!

The Nursery is available for infants to 4-year-olds.
FPC Vision: Glorify and enjoy God through worship, education, and service.
FPC's Web Page: <http://www.fpcwarren.org>
Email address: 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 keep food and beverages in the Fellowship Hall.

THE DEACONS would like to thank all who remember the Deacons' Cupboard while shopping. They are requesting **bar soap, toilet tissue, tuna, and brownie or cake mix** for the month of **December**. You may leave your items in the Deacons' box in Fellowship Hall.

RADIO MINISTRY is funded today by **Marjorie Dangaran**. 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 plate; contributions may also be mailed to the Church Office with "Radio Ministry" in the memo of the check. Our Radio Ministry costs \$125.00 per week; your financial support will keep this ministry alive.

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES: You can pick up your 2025 offering envelopes in Fellowship Hall throughout the month. Names and addresses are printed on the boxes. Any questions, please call the Church Office @ 330-393-1524.

ADVENT TEA PARTY: Go back in time and join us **today**, after worship, in Fellowship Hall for a Victorian Tea Party. There will be food, fun, fellowship, and-of course-tea, punch, and coffee.

HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS: FPC will welcome the community during the Warren Hometown Holidays on **Saturday, December 14**, beginning at 4:30 p.m. We will be a warming station with hot chocolate, live music, and Santa letter-writing. The festive event will have many activities around Courthouse Square, including a parade at 5:00 p.m. Come and join the fun!

THE ANNUAL LOVE TREE tags have been distributed. Please remember to return the gifts to FPC by **Sunday, December 15**. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

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. Please complete the form in the SPIRE and return it to the Church Office or sign up in Fellowship Hall. **All orders must be received by Friday, December 15.**

CAROLING AT LAKE VISTA: Come to worship on **Sunday, December 15**, in your caroling clothes because this year, we will enjoy a luncheon right after worship in Fellowship Hall. After lunch, we will go to Lake Vista and sing carols to the residents. To finish our afternoon, we will return to the Church for dessert and the Elastic Band concert. Please sign up to the Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend.

A BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE will be held on **Thursday, December 19, at 7:00 p.m.** This is a service of remembrance and healing, helping us to deal with our various losses amid a season of celebration. Join us for this beautiful and up-lifting service.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT-GIVING: Today's **AGG SPOTLIGHT** is on **Water for the People**. In acknowledging FPC's gift from last year's event, Mark Duey, CEO, related the story of Fazile Watirasi, a mother of a young son. On a daily basis, Fazile had to leave her home at 3 a.m. to fetch water for her family. Because of donations such as ours and the work of PC (USA), water is now available for her and her neighbors, not only for drinking but also for sanitation services. This work is changing millions of lives, especially for the most marginalized and hardest-to-reach people. Mr. Duey compared this clean water with the living water of Jesus Christ.

Alternative Gift-Giving will continue through Monday, December 16. The other participating organizations include Animal Welfare League, FPC Wish List –Sound System, Free Indeed Ministries, FreeThree, and Second Harvest Food Bank. Remember to make out your checks 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.

PASTOR:
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY:
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*Rev. Kelly Lindsay
Melanie A. Vlad
Marissa Welke
Mary Chuirazzi
Alexis Musgrove
Bob Stahl*

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun, Dec. 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Second Sunday of Advent - Choir Rehearsal..... 8:30 am - Worship..... 10:00 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Advent Victorian Tea, FH 11:15 am
Mon, Dec. 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OA, P..... 10:00 am - Girl Scouts, B..... 5:30 pm - AA, MC..... 7:00 pm
Tues, Dec. 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Al-Anon, FH 8:30 am - NAMI Class, B..... 5:45 pm - NA, MC..... 7:00 pm
Wed, Dec. 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Someplace Safe, B 5:00 pm - NAMI Meeting, P 6:00 pm - AA, MC..... 6:30 pm - CE Meeting, FH..... 7:00 pm
Thur, Dec. 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prayer Talk, FH 9:00 am
Fri, Dec. 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Church Office Closed
Sat, Dec. 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AA, MC..... 11:00 am - Girl Scout Christmas Winterfest, FH 12:00 pm - Hometown Holidays, FH 4:30 pm
Sun, Dec. 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Third Sunday of Advent - Choir Rehearsal..... 8:30 am - Worship..... 10:00 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Caroling, Lake Vista 11:15 am - Elastic Band Concert After Caroling

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

