

First Sunday of Advent



First Presbyterian Church
Bucyrus, Ohio

December 1, 2024
Worship Service 10:30 AM

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Exalting Christ. Denying Ourselves.
Loving Our Neighbors.

Service of the Word and Sacrament

Sunday, December 1, 2024 10:30AM

Please use time before the service for prayer and reflection.

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

Please turn off all cell phones.

**Welcome
Prelude**

Announcements and Concerns

Lighting of the Advent Candles (Responsive)

Kathy, Kaitlyn & Peyton Bardon

Today we light the purple candle of Hope as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

In the wilderness prepare the way of our Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

***Call to Worship (Responsive)**

You who are enthroned on the cherubim, shine forth!

Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;

Let your face shine, that we might be saved!

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Praise**

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

#534

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Forgive us, God of power, for failing to live in service to your will. We have sought our own paths instead of your way. We bow to the demands of this world more than we seek your coming kingdom. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are filthy. Yet you, O God, are our Creator; we are the work of your hand. Do not remember our iniquity. Rule in us, and renew us by your Spirit, that every moment we may be ready to serve you.

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Gloria Patri**

#961

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world with-out end. Amen, Amen

***Sharing of the Peace**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (Debt/debtors)

Commitment through Giving

Offertory

***Response**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow”

#965

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

(Please use this time to be quietly reflective.)

Invitation

Preparation

Consecration

Apostles' Creed

Minister: As we draw near to the Table of our Lord, let us confess our Christian faith:

All: I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Minister: Let us now go to our heavenly Table, and receive the gift of God for our souls. By the promise of God, this bread and wine are for us the body and blood of Christ. Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord!

Words of Institution and Blessing

Distribution of the Elements

Thanksgiving Prayer

***Closing Hymn**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

#56

***Benediction**

Postlude

Prayer Requests

Keep the Pastor Search Committee in your prayers. Please pray for wisdom and discernment.

Shut-Ins:

Mary Lou Hastings, Sue Headley,

Joe Ann Johns is currently in Altercare, 1929 Whetstone Street, Room 411. Prayers & cards are greatly appreciated. Chet Johnston, cards can be sent to Altercare, Room 108. He would appreciate visitors.

Cancer

Annette Cheney, a friend of Kathy Bardon

Amanda Compton, Lori Rager's step-daughter

Surgery

Nedra Baum, Judy Diederich's daughter

Kathy Hildebrand, Courtney's Mother, received a liver transplant

Members, Family and Friends of Members:

Judy Eichhorn, prayers for acceptance, endurance and patience while Judy lives with chronic pain
Bob Thompson, heart issues and resting at home.
Dan Price, Parkinson's
Lou Ross, Lori Rager's Dad, Dementia
Whitney Hildebrand, Courtney Posey's sister
Abigail Sutherland, for upcoming procedures on 12-31 & 01-02, Dishon's granddaughter
Mike McKee, Heart problem. Friend of Kathy Bardon
Becky Bellamy, Parkinson's, sister of Kathy Bardon

Military:

Keagan Rios, Gennie Rios grandson
Levi Diebler, member and Carrie Diebler's son
Grayson Robinson, Tami Robinson's grandnephew

Announcements

Worship folders for December are presented to the Glory of God by Tami Robinson.

Chancel Flowers today are presented by Alan & Mary Ann Basinger in Thanksgiving for all our many blessings.

Attendance for last Sunday was 46.

The Poinsettia Order Form is on the last page. Please have your orders and payment turned in by December 15th.

The Christmas Eve Service - "People and Places of the Nativity" will begin at 7:00 PM, December 24th.

A Special, 4-week, Adult Sunday School Class "Advent Artwork" will be held on December 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall and lead by Marcia Stout. Join us as we explore religious artwork that depicts images central to the messages of Advent: Hope, Faith, Joy, and Peace.

Gamma Delta will meet on December 12th to wrap the adult gifts and have a potluck. Please bring a covered dish and your own table settings. If you have any questions please contact Deb Hablitzel

Resource Center

***2025 Calendars** –are available in the Resource Center.

***Flower, Bulletin & Greeter Sign**-up sheets are now available in the Resource Center.

***Don't forget that there are greeting cards, Christmas Cards, and postage stamps** in the Resource Center at no charge for members to use!

This Week

Sunday, December 1	10:30 AM Worship Service
Tuesday, December 3	6:30 PM Women's Discipleship
Wednesday, December 4	2:30 PM Table Toppers
Friday, December 6	7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Sermon: Pastor Josh Hanson
Worship Leader: Tami Robinson
Liturgist: Tom Britton
Greeter: Howard & Lucy Gilliland
Organist: Ronald Bower



Poinsettia Order Form

This year we will be purchasing poinsettias from Norton's. Colors available are red, white, and pink. **Orders must be in by Sunday, Dec. 8th.** Checks should be made out to the church and payment of **\$14.50 per poinsettia** is appreciated with your order. Poinsettias may be taken home after the Christmas Eve service.

Thank you! Jan Fulton

Name _____

Phone _____

Qty ____ Red _____ \$ _____

Qty ____ Pink _____ \$ _____

Qty ____ White _____ \$ _____

Total \$ _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of: _____

I will take my poinsettia home _____

Please give to a shut-in _____

