

Second Sunday of Advent



First Presbyterian Church Bucyrus, Ohio

December 8, 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 8, 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)

Howard and Lucy Gilliland

Today we light the second purple candle of Faith 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.—

The Lord will give you a sign. A young woman is with child and shall bear a son.

And they shall name him Immanuel, which means “God is with us.”

***Call to Worship (Responsive)**

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight a highway for our God.

For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,

and all people shall see it together!

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Praise**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (vs 1, 4, 6, 7)

#61

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Patient and loving God, as we wait for the coming of your kingdom you call us to lead lives of holiness and godliness. We are slow to change our ways, even when they do not please or glorify you. We have lived unto ourselves and not to you. Forgive our carelessness in not heeding your will. Cleanse us, O God, that we would be without spot or blemish in your sight. Establish your rule in our hearts, that our lives may proclaim your praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***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.

***Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

O Mighty One, you have done and are doing great things for us, and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you, that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Message

“Beautiful Feet”

Pastor Josh Hanson

Gateway Church

New Testament

Romans 10:14-21

Page 1125

Acts 8:26-40

Pages 1089-1090

Acts 13:15-52

Pages 1095-1096

***Closing Hymn**

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

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***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

Marcia Dishon, prayers needed as she begins chemotherapy

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 today to the Glory of God by Alan & Michelle Bacon in loving memory of our parents and in honor of our family.

Poinsettia Orders – Please have all of your poinsettia orders turned in with payment by next Sunday, December 15th. See order form below.

Deacon's Sunday – Next Sunday, December 15th, is Deacon's Sunday. All loose offering will go to the Deacons to help them with all they do for the church and the congregation. Please give generously.



The Deacons will host a light lunch with Wassail on Sunday, December 15th, right after worship. Don't forget: **If you would like to donate cookies, please let Jan know!** Last year we had enough cookies so that everyone was able to fill a plate with a delicious variety of sweets to take home and enjoy.

Newsletters – The office will be closed December 24th through January 2. Please have all your newsletter information to the office by the morning of Thursday, December 20th. Thank you.

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.

Christmas Eve Service – Please join us December 24th, for our Christmas Eve Service, "People and Places of the Nativity," and Candle Lighting, at 7:00 PM

This Week

Sunday, December 8	10:30 AM Worship Service
Tuesday, December 10	6:15 PM Deacon's meeting
	7:00 PM Men's Discipleship
Wednesday, December 11	2:30 PM Table Toppers
Thursday, December 12	12:30 PM Gamma Delta @ the church, Potluck
Friday, December 13	7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Sermon: Pastor Josh Hanson

Liturgist & Worship Leader: Tami Robinson

Greeter: Lori Rager



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 _____

