



NOVEMBER 27, 2022 AT 8:30 A.M.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE

Gathering & Greeting

(moment for silent reflection)

Lighting of the Advent Candles

One: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill my promise to my people.

All: Justice and righteousness will fill the land and all will live in peace and safety.

One: We light this candle as a symbol of hope...in the land.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

Hymn #91 (sung twice) | "Come, Come Emmanuel"

Thanksgiving for Baptism

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: O Lord our God, we give you thanks for the hope and longing you instill in us through the promise of our baptism—a voice crying out in the wilderness, a messenger to prepare the way, the day of redemption drawing near. By the power of your Holy Spirit, poured out upon us in baptism, keep us awake and make us ready for the coming of your glorious realm of righteousness, justice, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings | Isaiah 2:1-5 | Matthew 24:36-44

Message

Offering #757 | "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn #362 | "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers"

Blessing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Get your Christmas Poinsettias We'll be using them to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas! If you wish to purchase, each plant is \$10 and can be picked up after the Christmas Eve Service. Order forms can be picked up in the Narthex or the church office. **Orders must be placed by Friday, December 2nd.**

The FPC Food Pantry needs plastic bags (flattened and folded lengthwise), instant potatoes, canned vegetables (mixed), ramen noodles, and pie filling. Please drop off the items at the church office or by the pantry door in Fisher Hall.

The second installment of our **"Faith & Film"** series, featuring "The Nativity Story" (2006, rated PG, 106 minutes) will be Friday, December 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in Fisher Hall!

Get in the Advent spirit with us, enjoy cookies and hot cocoa, and help us decorate the church for our annual Hanging of the Greens! Saturday, December 3rd from 10AM to 1PM.

There will be NO early service or Sunday School next Sunday, December 4th.

Children & Youth Christmas Pageant, "Listen to Christmas" will be held on Sunday, December 4th at 10:30 a.m. There will be NO early service so the kids have time to rehearse!

Enjoy the Christmas Cantata "City of Hope" Sunday, December 11th at 10:30am! There will be NO early service in preparation for this special service.

Our next **Friday Fellowship** is Friday, December 16th at 11:00 a.m. in Fisher Hall. December's speaker is Mitchell Jerko! Home-made luncheon to follow with a good-will donation of \$10 for lunch.

Join us for a special service, The Longest Night, at 5pm on Sunday, December 18th to which we remember loved ones who have died, as well as our own need for healing and wholeness and light that only Christ can provide.

Our **Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service** is Saturday, December 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary!