

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Mighty God, holy is your name.  
We thank you for gathering us at your table  
and feeding us with the bread of life.  
As we leave this table  
to go to the many places where you call us,  
send your Spirit to accompany us,  
so that we may share in your magnificent work:  
lifting up those who are laid low,  
showing mercy to all in need of human kindness,  
and feeding the bodies and hearts  
of all those who are hungry. AMEN**

**SENDING**

- \* HYMN #106 (G) – “Soon and Very Soon”
- \* BENEDICTION
- \* CLOSING RESPONSE #1 (v. 3) – “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

**“Born thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.**

\* POSTLUDE      *Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts*      Saint-Saëns  
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\* indicates please stand, if able  
**BOLD** indicates ALL read

Children’s Worship Bulletins are available; an usher can assist you  
(G) indicates use green songbook, ‘Sing! a new creation”



WE BID ALL who have come to worship a warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ! If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become part of this community of faith and learn about what it means to follow Jesus Christ. Find more info at: [www.firstprescarlisle.org](http://www.firstprescarlisle.org).

~ **ANNOUNCEMENTS** ~

**TODAY, after worship,** you are invited to Fellowship Hall to enjoy conversation and light refreshments.

**THANKS to the band of merry elves** who decorated our church so beautifully for the Advent season!

**THANKS to all** who rang bells yesterday to benefit The Salvation Army.

**TODAY is “Prayer Partner” Sunday.** Participating in this annual tradition is easy: 1) complete the slip in the bulletin; 2) drop it in the baskets the ushers will pass during the first hymn; 3) pick up a slip as you exit today; 4) pray for your partner during Advent and throughout the coming year.

**TODAY, serving in worship:**

- Reader: Barb Allen
- Advent Candle Lighter: Brian Carlson
- Communion Preparer/Servers: Deb Richcreek; Lynne Hofferica; Connie Husler; Pat Pepper; Charlie Thompson
- Greeters/Ushers: Bruce & Anita Ashbaugh; Lyn Barr
- Fellowship Hosts: Steve & Carlton Walker
- Video Recorder: Joe Shane; Audio Recorder: Ray Thomas

**THIS WEEK, in our prayers:**

- \* in the presbytery: Scott & Elmarie Parker, mission co-workers
- \* in the congregation (at random): Pat Grabey; Tim, Tricia & Tess Naylor

**THIS WEEK, in the life of the church:**

- Monday, 6:30 PM: Deacons meeting
- Wednesday, 7 PM: Choir rehearsal
- Saturday, 5 PM: Community Advent Walk stops at First Church
- Saturday, 5:30 PM: Choir Holiday Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

**NEXT SUNDAY.....2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT.....DEC. 8<sup>th</sup>**

- > 9:15 AM: Prayer, sanctuary
- > 9:30 AM: Sunday school; Adult education class (details below)
- > 10:45 AM: Worship; Scriptures: Isaiah 40:1-8; Luke 3:1-6; Phil. 3:7-11
- > **After worship:** Fellowship Time, followed by packaging of Truck Stop Ministry cookies (*Please bring in cookies & place them in the kitchen.*)

**POINSETTIAS!**

~ **Orders deadline: TODAY** (for REAL poinsettias)  
~ **Orders deadline: NEXT SUNDAY, Dec. 8** (for “VIRTUAL” poinsettias)  
Checks should accompany your order form, and be made to “First Presbyterian Church” (“poinsettia” on the memo line). Cost is \$10. Flowers will adorn the sanctuary beginning Dec. 15. Point of contact is Deb Ryerson.

**“ANGEL TREE” – TODAY is the last day to make cash donations** to this project. The Deacons will shop for you, purchasing gifts for our “Angel Tree” children & youth. A donations basket is at the tree in Fellowship Hall.

**ADVENT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS.** Today, the adult class began a study based on *The Christmas Letters* by Magrey deVega. This book invites us to learn about the miracle of Christ’s birth from those who first told the story. Come, join in; books available! Questions? Speak with Pastor Tony.



Members of the Congregation, Ministers  
The Rev. Anthony D. Lorenz, Pastor  
The Rev. Jon A. Black, Pastor Emeritus  
Debby Madden, Educator Emerita  
Arthur Thompson, Organist; Ron Richcreek, Music Director  
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First Presbyterian Church  
On-the-Square  
Carlisle, Pennsylvania



December 1, 2024

10:45 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent  
Lord’s Supper

## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

### GATHERING

#### PRELUDES

*Wachet Auf*  
*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
HYFRYDOL Variations

Nicolai  
Ferguson  
Callahan

(The Lord be with you. And also with you.)  
~ GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

*Psalm 42*

Gawthrop

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The world says, "All is lost."  
God says, "You are loved."

The darkness says, "The light is dying."  
The light says, "The fire is catching."

Fear says, "Cover your eyes and your ears."  
Hope says, "Wait, watch and listen."

As we light our first Advent candle,  
**we pray and hope in God.**

Come now, O Child of Mary.  
**Come now, O Prince of Hope.**

\* HYMN #2 – "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

#### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, our righteousness,  
we confess that our hearts have grown heavy  
with dissipation and worry.  
We have allowed our hope to wither,  
our faith to wander,  
and our love to grow cold.  
Forgive us, O God,  
in the name of Jesus Christ,  
the righteous branch of David,  
and restore us to your paths  
of steadfast love and faithfulness,  
O God of our salvation. AMEN**  
*(silent confession . . . )*

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* RESPONSE #579 – "Gloria Patri"

#### \* PASSING THE PEACE

Just as God has forgiven us in Christ Jesus, let us also forgive  
one another and offer signs of peace and reconciliation.  
The peace of Christ be with you, **and also with you.**  
*(Extend a word of peace with one another . . .)*

### PROCLAIMING

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Holy God, our hope and strength,  
by the power of your Spirit  
prepare the way in our hearts  
for the coming of your Word,  
so that we may see the glorious signs  
of your promise fulfilled;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON                          Jeremiah 33:14-17                          (O.T., p. 738)  
(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

CHOIR ANTHEM                          "A Tiny Child Will Come"                          Besig

SECOND LESSON                          Luke 21:25-36                          (N.T., p. 85)  
(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

SERMON    Rev. Lorenz

\* HYMN #6 – "Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending"

#### \* THE APOSTLES' CREED (Traditional)

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER                          (p. 16, blue hymnal)

### GIVING THANKS

#### OFFERING OURSELVES

Offertory                          *Noel on an Ancient Air*                          Russell

\* RESPONSE #592 – "Praise God"

#### \* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Faithful God,  
you challenge us during this season of preparation,  
to put aside our pride, and understand our need  
for repentance, forgiveness, and mercy;  
for less of self and more of you;  
in preparation for our journey to the stable and beyond.  
Purify our hearts, sanctify our lives,  
that we might serve you faithfully this day and all days. AMEN**

\* HYMN OF PREPARATION #95 (G) – "My Soul in Stillness Waits"

### CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*This Table is open to all who trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord  
and Savior and have been baptized, including children who  
have been instructed by their family.*

#### THE GREAT 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.**

Eternal God, holy and mighty . . .  
Therefore we praise you, joining our voice with choirs  
of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place,  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:  
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*When directed, please come forward by the center aisle to  
receive the elements, and return to your seat by the outside  
aisles. Gluten-free bread is available by the baptismal font.*