

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God our hope, we give you thanks
that you have given us this foretaste
of the justice, righteousness,
and peace of your promised new creation.
Strengthen us with this heavenly food
as we seek to serve your holy kingdom.
Lead us to live in joyful expectation
of the coming again in glory
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN**

SENDING

* HYMN #106 (G) – “Soon and Very Soon”

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING RESPONSE #31 – “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (v. 2)
**Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

* POSTLUDE *Praise Thee, the Lord of Hosts!* Saint-Saëns



* 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.

~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

THE SYMPATHY of the congregation is extended to Rita Beck and family and friends of Rev. Bill Beck, who joined the Church Triumphant Sunday evening, Nov. 23rd. A memorial service will be held today at 3:00 PM at Big Spring Presbyterian Church, 25 S. Corporation St., Newville, where Bill was pastor for 30 years. Address for cards: 108 Lawrence Ln., Carlisle PA 17015.

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

THANKS to the team of merry elves who decorated our church so beautifully for this Advent season! And thanks to all who are helping to defray the cost of new garland.

TODAY is “Prayer Partner” Sunday. Participating in this annual tradition is easy: 1) complete the slip in the bulletin; 2) during the first hymn, pass it to the center aisle for collection by the ushers; 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: Vicki McLaughlin
Advent Candle Lighters: The Wewer Family
Communion Preparer/Servers: Mary Jane Blosser; Vicki McLaughlin;
Deb Richcreek; Charlie Thompson
Greeters/Ushers: Bruce & Anita Ashbaugh; Mary Jane Blosser
Fellowship Hosts: The Walker Family
Video Recorder: Joe Shane
Audio Recorder: Ray Thomas

THIS WEEK, in our prayers:

– in the congregation (at random): Heather, Camryn & Rebert Thompson

THIS WEEK, in the life of the church:

- **Monday, 6:30 PM:** Deacons meeting
- **Wednesday, 7 PM:** Choir rehearsal
- **Thursday, 7 PM:** Carlisle Christmas Parade (FYI)

NEXT SUNDAY.....2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT.....DEC. 7th

- > **9:15 AM:** Prayer, sanctuary
- > **9:30 AM:** Sunday school; Adult Advent class
- > **10:45 AM:** Worship; Scriptures: Isaiah 11:1-10 & Matthew 3:1-12
- > **After worship:** Annual Advent Luncheon



December 7 – Advent II

- **ADVENT LUNCHEON.** This year, all you have to do is attend! The Parish Life Committee & Friends will provide the luncheon. **Please sign up today** to help with planning. See you there!
- **POINSETTIAS.** Dec. 7th is the deadline for orders & payments (for both real and virtual poinsettias). Make checks payable to “First Presbyterian Church” (“poinsettia” on the memo line). Cost is \$12. Flowers will be in the sanctuary beginning Dec. 14. Point of contact is Deb Ryerson.
- **ANGEL TREE.** Dec. 7th is the last day to make cash donations to this project so that the Deacons can shop for you, purchasing gifts for youth & children through the “Angel Tree” ministry. A donation basket is at the tree in fellowship Hall. (NOTE: Gifts are due under the tree Dec. 14th).
- **ADVENT EDUCATION CLASS.** Continue a four-Sunday study during Advent based on the book Voices of Advent. Books are available from Pastor Tony. Come, join in!



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



November 30, 2025
10:45 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent
Lord’s Supper

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

PRELUDES

Great Is Thy Faithfulness arr. J.B. Taylor

Brenna Myers, piano

(The Lord be with you. And also with you.)

~ GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Awaiting Gawthrop

* CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

One: Come, let us go in gladness to the house of the Lord.

ALL: To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls. In you we trust, O our God.

One: On each Sunday of Advent, we light another candle, a sign of hope in a world full of shadows. When all four candles are burning brightly, we will know that it is time to begin the Christmas feast of lights. We want to be ready to welcome the Light of the World into our lives.

ALL: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

One: Let this light shine so that we may remember to bring the light of Jesus’ presence to all people. “While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.”

ALL: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

* HYMN #9 – “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,

you set before us the way of goodness

and beckon us to follow you,

but we disregard your teachings

and disobey your word.

You call people of every land

to dwell in harmony,

but we sow division and harvest discord.

You command us to craft tools that sustain life,

but we cling to weapons that damage and destroy.

Forgive us, Lord.

Your creation yearns for wholeness;

we, your people, long to be made new in Christ.

Keep us ever watchful and awaken us to your ways

as we wait in hope for the light of the world. 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 Isaiah 2:1-5 (O.T., p. 631)

(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

CHOIR ANTHEM “Still, Still, Still” Luboff

SECOND LESSON Matthew 24:30-31, 36-44 (N.T., p. 27)

(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

SERMON Rev. Lorenz

* HYMN #20 – “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”

* 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 Psalm 42 Gawthrop

* RESPONSE #592 – “Praise God”

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God,

you have done and are doing great things for us,

and holy is your name.

Bless all we offer you --

our selves, our time, and our possessions --

that through us your grace and favor

may be made known to all the world,

for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. AMEN

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #5 – “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

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.