

ORDER OF WORSHIP

1st Sunday of Advent

*World's Aids Day; Presbyterian Awareness for
All People Living with HIV*

December 1, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Pat Nash

PRELUDE:

CHIMING THE HOUR

GREETINGS Psalm 118 says: **This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.**

Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the Assurance of Pardon

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: **To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.**

People: **O my God, in You I trust.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** In joyous anticipation, we come before You today, knowing that the birth of our Savior draws near. As we sing our songs of Advent and pray our earnest prayers, keep us mindful of those who cannot celebrate the majesty of the birth of our King. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Our first Hymn today is Hymn # 82, Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus. During this first Hymn you may come up and put your Chrismons on the tree.

***HYMN** No. 82 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" HYFRYDOL

***CALL TO CONFESSION** If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

Let us pray together

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God hear our ardent prayers. We struggle to be the people You call us to be. We long to help others but don't know what they truly need. We have good intentions, but often fail to act on them. We find ourselves overwhelmed by the needs of this world and, since we cannot address them all, we simply stop trying to help. Forgive us when we let our own confusion get in the way of following You. Help us to listen for Your voice guiding us and comforting us as we take steps down the path of true discipleship. (Say – “Please pray silently,” and after about 20 seconds, say, Amen), Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

You may be seated, and now would Joe and Lorrinda please come forward as we sing the first verse of the song that is an insert in your bulletins.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Joe and Lorrinda Alexander

Congregation sings vs. 1 of insert

A TIME FOR YOUTH At this time would our youth please come forward.

Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Lord, Let the glory of the Advent season shine in our hearts and minds as we approach the birth of our Savior. Make the words of Advent fresh and new as if we were hearing them for the first time. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 25:1-10 please read it responsively with me.

Leader: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

People: O my God, in You I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

Leader: Do not let those who wait for You be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

People: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths.

Leader: Lead me in Your truth, and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all day long.

People: Be mindful of Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Leader: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O Lord!

People: Good and upright is the Lord' therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

Leader: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way.

People: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His decrees.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Jeremiah 33:14-16 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 738 of the Old Testament

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The choir will now sing the Anthem:

ANTHEM: *"We Gather Together"*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (Pew Bible, page 204)

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⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:

***HYMN** No. 129 *"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"* ES IST EIN' ROS'

Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.

***AFFIRMATION** 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.

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581 *“Glory Be to the Father”* GLORIA PATRI

**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 without end, Amen, amen.**

You may be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS **It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY **And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY: *“One World, One Communion”*

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

**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.**

Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Lord most high, we thank You for all Your gifts to us. We are grateful for the gifts of family and friends and our time together. As we begin our Advent journey, fill us with the joy of anticipation of the birth of the Christ Child, and use our gifts to the glory of Your name. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(For the music used during the prayer turn to #552, 553, and 554 in the hymnal.)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Pastor: To the one true and living God...

Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with the 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, hosanna in the highest.

How wonderful are the works of Your hands, Holy God, and how gracious is the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior...

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Breathe on us, breath of God, and upon these gifts of bread and cup...

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

Our last Hymn today is:

*** HYMN** No. 93 "*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*" TRURO

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 542 "*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*" vs 1 GOD BE WITH YOU
God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide uphold you,
With a shepherds care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:**

***Those who are able may stand.**

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Please join us for refreshments
in the Opportunity Corner

Daily Bread

Supplement

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CLOTHES FOR THE NEEDY AND GLASSES FOR THE LIONS CLUB

We will continue to collect clothes for the needy and glasses for the Lions Club. Please bring in your donations and put them in the designated places in the Opportunity Corner.

HEARING ASSIST UNITS

Thanks to Barry Krueger we now have Hearing Assist Units. If you would like to use one, they are available on the counter in the sanctuary kitchen.

DESOTO FOOD PANTRY

DeSoto Food Pantry needs the help of the community to continue to feed the less fortunate in our city. The best way to help is through monetary donations. \$1 can buy as much as \$7 worth of food. They buy their food through the North Texas Food Bank, so it is much cheaper than buying food at a grocery store. However, all donations are welcome and appreciated. Thank you to all that continue to donate to this great cause.

JOIN US ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2024

We will be decorating the church for Advent and Christmas beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 30th. We welcome any assistance that you can render in accomplishing this joyful task. And thank you in advance!

Pat Nash

Faith in Action Committee

POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY

We will once again be obtaining poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board located next to the Opportunity Corner. The price will be \$10 each, and the last day to sign up will be December 15th. You may take home any plants that you purchase on Sunday, December 27th.

Pat Nash

Faith in Action Committee

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY

10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group – FIA Committee planning meeting

NEXT SUNDAY – 2ND Sunday of Advent

10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

12:15 PM Stated Session Meeting

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Joe and Lorrinda Alexander

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Jim Glander

Martha Brashear – continued prayers

The church and nation of Ukraine

Makia's people in Cameroon

DeSoto Food Pantry

Prayers for the people in Nigeria

Max Jewell is at home, but needs our continued prayers as he is still recovering

Chikezie is very weak

Christians in Pakistan

Janet

The Israel-Hamas War

Prayers for those who are hungry and without clean drinking water

People all over the world are hungry, not just for food, but for the word of God.

Alice Anne has a good friend, Jeremy, who is in the hospital and needs our prayers

Continued prayers for Joan and Bill and Lori as a caretaker

The storms may be over, but now there are fires on each coast. Please pray for them, and consider donating to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program

Travel mercies for all our members and friends traveling during the holiday

Johanna Fleener had knee replacement surgery

CELEBRATIONS

We would like to thank Joe and Russell for all the hard work they did after a tree fell on our building