First Presbyterian Church

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*November 28, 2021*



Order of Worship

**Sunday Worship, November 28, 2021**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**First PC, Norfolk, NE**

**Prelude**

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

**People: And also with you.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Passing of the Peace:**

Signing in American Sign Language (ASL)

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

**People: And also with you.**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle – Prophecy**

Hannah Beckenhauer, Lali Montalvo, Addy & Brynn Rusk

Lighting a candle is a simple yet profound act. It is a testimony to the power of light over darkness. Even the light of one candle can reveal our faces as we stand near the candle. As we light the candle, we begin our journey to Christmas, a day of joy and celebration.

The first candle on the Advent wreath is called the Prophecy candle, it opens the period that anticipated Christmas and remembers those who first spoke the promise of the coming Christ child.

One candle, burning bright,

Chasing away the darkness from light.

One candle, glowing light,

The blessing of God, giving new sight

**Scripture: Romans 13:11-14 (NIV)**

And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. 12 The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13 Let us behave decently, as in the daytime; not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. 14 Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

**Prayer:**

Dear God, as we celebrate the first coming of Jesus and anticipate his second coming, help us to be awake and ready to do battle. We battle against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil. Clothe us with Jesus Christ that we may walk in his light, which is able to banish darkness. In the Savior's name we pray. Amen.

**Call to Worship**

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my

 God.

**People: Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my**

 **enemies triumph over me.**

Leader: No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to

 shame,

**People: but they will be put to shame who are**

 **treacherous without excuse.**

Leader: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore, he instructs

 sinners in his ways.

**People: He guides the humble in what is right and**

 **teaches them his way.**

Leader: All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful

**People: for those who keep the demands of his**

 **covenant.**

~ Psalm 25: 1-3,8-10

**Opening Song 2:** “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

**Call to Confession**

As we start a new season of the Church calendar, we realize that we are still craving a closer relationship with Jesus. To do that however, we must acknowledge that which separates us from our Lord -- sin. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse our justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.**

 *(We observe a time of silence for personal confession.)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! God is confirming

 your heartfelt belief

**People: so that we will stand fautless with all those who**

 **appear with Jesus before our Maker.**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**Response 579:** “Glory to the Father **(**Gloria Patri)”

**Choir Anthem** “Hodie Veni Christe”

**The Word**

Scripture Isaiah 2:1-5

Message “Peace on Earth” Pastor Brian

**Song of Response (video):** “Give Thanks”

**Offering**

**Offertory**

**Response** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow”

 (Doxology)

**Call to Prayer (insert)** “O Lord Hear my Prayer”

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.

When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer.

O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise:

all my hope come from God. The Lord is my song;

the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

**Prayers of the People/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***

**Final Song 3:** “Comfort, Comfort You My People”

**Blessing and Sending**

**Postlude**

***Your song meaning will appear once it has been deemed awesome byour team of wizards. Add more meanings to earn more points!*We are glad** you chose to spend your Sunday morning with us, and we encourage you to return!

**Children of all ages are welcome in worship.** Children’s worship materials are available from the book cart. A Cry Room is located at the back of the sanctuary.

**Hanging of the Greens:**  Please join us to decorate our sanctuary and narthex for Advent and Christmas season. We will gather on Saturday, Dec. 4 at 9 a.m.

**The Worship and Congregational Life Committee** gives a special shout out to those who volunteer as greeters, ushers, lay readers and coffee hosts.  Thank you!

**Our children and youth** are preparing a Christmas program for Sunday, Dec. 19 during worship service. The congregation will sing some of favorite Christmas hymns throughout the program.

**No Sunday School** on December 26th & January 2nd. Sunday School will resume at 10:00 on January 9th.

**Deacon’s Mission Giving Project for November is CASA.** CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) is a trained, citizen volunteer appointed by the Juvenile Court to ensure that the needs and interests of abused, neglected, uncontrolled or wayward children are being met. CASA’s are assigned to dependent children who are under the Juvenile Court jurisdiction and are assigned at the discretion of the Juvenile Court.

**Birthdays**

 Timothy Brunswick 11/28

 Sonja Putnam 11/28

JoJo Montalvo 11/30

Myrtle Smith 12/01

Jamie Wolff 12/01

Debra Brunswick 12/03

Marvin Richter 12/09

 Curtis Wolff 12/09

 **Anniversaries** None this week.

**Prayers for God’s Children**

*🟅For healing and pain relief for those living with physical and emotional pain and for their families and friends*

*🟅For our members who are home-bound or in nursing facilities.*

*🟅For our mission partners.*

*🟅For the men and women serving in our armed forces.*

 **This Week at First Pres**

Today: 10:00 AM – Worship

Monday: 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM N/A (fellowship hall)

Tuesday: 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM N/A (fellowship hall)

 8:00 PM – 9:30 PM N/A (fellowship hall)

Wednesday: 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM N/A (fellowship hall)

 2:00 PM – *Bulletin Information Deadline*

Thursday: 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM N/A (fellowship hall)

 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM TOPS (fellowship hall)

Friday: 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM N/A (fellowship hall)

**Next Sunday at First Pres**

 9:00 AM – Sunday School

 10:00 AM – Worship

**Class of 2021**  **Class of 2021**

Sarah Zarek, *Worship/Cong.*  Mark Johnson, Co*-Moderator*

Kathy Naranjo, *Worship/Cong.* Jill Sintek, Co*-Moderator*

**Class of 2022** Linda Unkel, *Vice-Moderator*

Teri Wendel, *Christian Ed.* **Class of 2022**

Jake Cox, *Properties*  Kerry Richter

Duane Severson, *Finance*  Karen Reimer

**Class of 2023** Greg Wendel, *Secretary*

Dennis Sateren, *Missions* **Class of 2023**

David Unkel, *Personnel* Linda Douglas

Barb Beckmann, *Worship/Cong.*Ann Letheby, *Treasurer*

**Clerk of Session - Class of 2021 -** Renee McClymont

**Elders of the Month –** Jake Cox and Duane Severson

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Receipts $101,558.96 - Disbursements $121,799.64 - Net ($20,240.68)

Last Sunday Attendance 64

**Worship Leaders and Staff**

PASTOR Rev. Brian Johnson

MUSIC DIRECTOR Greta Johnson ORGANIST Trudy Dannelly

SOUND TEAM Joe Mtika, Barb Beckman

PRAISE TEAM Kim Rusk, Joe Mtika

LAY READER Linda Cox

**Credits: “Give Thanks” by Maranatha Singers**

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**9 am to 4 pm Tues. – Thur.**

**9 am to 1 pm Fri.**

**or other times by appointment**

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