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CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

NOVEMBER 28, 2021
The First Sunday of Advent

Gathering Song: O Come. O Come Emmanuel

† Call to Worship (From Micah 5)

Pastor: "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah,

People: out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

Pastor: He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

Unison: And he will be our peace.

† Hymn: Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

Lighting the First Advent Candle

The Candle of Prophecy
Renate & Peter Hartig

First Scripture Readings

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Responsive

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you?

¹⁰**Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.**

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you.

¹²**May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.**

¹³May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

Luke 21:25-36 Responsive

²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken.

²⁷**At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”**

²⁹He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. ³⁰When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. ³¹Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

³²**“Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.**

³⁴“Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth.

³⁶**Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”**

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

† 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.

† Hymn: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Offertory

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Rise up Shepherd and Follow

arr: Jack Schrader

† Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Second Scripture Readings

Mark 13:1-13 Responsive

¹As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!”

²**“Do you see all these great buildings?” replied Jesus. “Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.”**

³As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?”

⁵**Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁶Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.**

⁸Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

⁹**“You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them.**

¹⁰And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. ¹¹Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

¹²**“Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. ¹³Everyone will hate you because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.**

Romans 13:8-14 Responsive

⁸Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.

⁹**The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”**

¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

¹¹ **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.

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Sermon: Waiting on God

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: When the Sun

Responsive Litany (Titus 2:11-14 ESV)

Pastor: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,

People: training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in the present age,

Pastor: waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Unison: who gave himself for us to redeem us for all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Dr. Eric Roth, Director of Music

Announcements



Angel Tree

REMEMBER THE
CHILDREN

It is not too late to provide a gift for a child sent by their incarcerated parent. They will also receive age-appropriate Christian literature. The base price is just \$25 to make this happen through Prison Fellowship. **Call Cheri for assistance with the on-line giving or Bev at the church.**

If you would like to purchase a lovely poinsettia for decorating the sanctuary for Christmas, please see Donna Whiting. You can give it in honor or memory of someone and take it home after the Christmas service. Cost is \$10 (cash preferred). **Deadline is December 19.**



To our visitors: We hope our worship enables you to draw near to God through Christ Jesus, and that you feel welcome here among us. Please sign our guest book. Our normal fellowship time after the service has been postponed due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

In Need of Prayer

Baby Sofia, Metzner's grandchild
 Sue Work, at home
 Alberta Weaver, home
 Regina Higgs as caregiver to Alberta
 Brenda Cook, blood pressure, kidney
 Jen Freese, training therapy dog, illness
 Cheryl Stevenson, Covid
 Don Rende's brother, Bob, nephew Chris
 David, friend of Cindy Taaffee
 Gary, Marion, Dan, friends of L.Szczepanek
 Linda Szczepanek, health, grief
 Dot, friend of Cheri Boone
 Dennis, friend of Puzzuolis, hard times
 Carmen, friend of Gail, fall with injuries
 Ed Steele for mobility, back pain
 Kelly Vincent, daughter of Bert Schwab
 The Metzner Family, many stressors, and multiple Covid illnesses
 Al Lindsay, chemotherapy for lung cancer
 Lindsay neighbors, Armand w/Covid
 Christopher, neighbor of Linda S, cancer

In Need of Prayer

George Donoian, in hospice
 Jackie Whiting, Donna's mother-in-law, very ill
 Richard Abraham, son-in-law of Hartigs, very ill
 Bill Howard, pastor's brother-in-law, heart valve surgery
 Judy Carr, foot, plus sister's long term care decisions
 Margaret, Wilsons' friend, brain tumor
 Joanna, niece of Lucy McGuire, a young mom, cancer/Covid
 Norman John, Guilian-Barre, cousin of Cathie Cheslak
 Gail Nastwold, for health, wound healing
 Katalee Deighton, lymphoma
 Darlene Little, heart health.
 Nancy, friend of Doaks, recurrence of cancer
 John, friend of Cindy Taaffee, pancreatic cancer
 Liz, granddaughter of Carolyn Krueger
 Scott MacKenzie, son of Jim & Patty MacKenzie
 Suzanne, friend of Clay family, for wholeness
 Rose, friend of Boones, Covid complications
 First Responders & Border Patrol, safety & wisdom
 Friend of Tracy Hoff, Debbie Routin, brain/bone cancer
 Cassandra, friend of Elaine, cancer
 Jeremy, needs a liver transplant

Audio Sermons can be heard on the church website: <http://christ-presbyterianchurch.org>

Pray for the 15 Michigan missionaries, captured in Haiti.

Our Military: Metzner's grandson; and Bryan, relative of Teresa Lisowski, deployed to Iraq. *William, co-worker of Krystal Murphy, recently deployed overseas.*

Monthly need: \$17,083.00
Giving to general fund last week: \$4,100
Giving to general fund in Nov: \$13,060
Giving to mortgage in November: \$701

Continue to pray for Afghani Christians and others around the world who are persecuted for their faith in Christ.

Heidelberg Catechism Q 41. Why was Jesus buried?

A. His burial testifies that he really died.