

# First Presbyterian Church of Ferguson



December 1, 2019  
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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, December 1, 2019

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Seasonal Color: Purple

10:15 AM Worship Service

PRELUDE: Prelude for Advent, Ostinato on the theme "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Composer: Alec Wyton (1921 - 2007)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: A distant star has appeared in the evening sky.

**MANY: What can it mean?**

**All: It is a star that points us to the hidden work of God in our midst. Let us prepare our hearts for something amazing.**

HYMN: # 82 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (Tune: HYFRYDOL)

\*INVITATION TO NEW LIFE

**\*PRAYER FOR NEW LIFE – We come this day seeking what only You can provide us. Push pass our defenses and excuses, so that we may get a glimpse of Your deep work in our lives. Awaken us from the mundane, stir our spirits and give us the insight of new life. Amen.**

ACT OF PRAISE: Refrain, Hymn # 113

*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

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**\*PEACE PRAYER – Help us to quiet our spirits so that hope may guide us on our journeys. Amen.**

\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

LIGHTING THE FRIST ADVENT CANDLE: Hope (Lee Rauhut, Elaine Rauhut and Jackie Goff)

RESPONSE: Hymn #85 Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah, verse 1:

Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.

He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN AND ALL THOSE WHO LISTEN IN

ANTHEM: The Advent of Our God (words on page 7)

Music: William Damon arr. Richard Shephard

**PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING – May our eyes and souls be led by the light of these words. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 2:1-5

RESPONSE: Choir: Prepare the way of the Lord.  
Prepare the way of the Lord,  
and all people will see  
the salvation of our God.

**All:** Prepare the way of the Lord.  
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SCRIPTURE: Matthew 24:36-44

SERMON "Telling the Truth"

\*HYMN: # 357 The Days Are Surely Coming (Tune: LLANGLOFFAN)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (Savior of the Nations, Come)  
Composer: Tune: J. Walter, Geistliche Gesangbuchlein, 1524 arr. by Hans Klot (1900-1987)

Service of Communion #6 Brethren Song Book

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP TOGETHER

(It is our custom to hold the Bread and the Cup and to partake of it together. However, to ensure that all participate if you need to drink the cup once you receive it, please do.)

HYMN: #384 Soon and Very Soon

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION:

**Grace and Peace Be With You, 'Til we meet again**  
**Grace and Peace be with you, Let God's love come in;**  
**And shine through your heart light, in everything you do,**  
**Grace and Peace be with you, God will see us through.**

POSTLUDE: O Heiland, reiss die Himmel auf (O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide)  
Composer: Tune from *Gesangbuch*, Augsburg, 1666 arr. by Walther Haffner (1927-2004)

## **Isaiah 2:1-5**

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

## **Matthew 24:36-44**

"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

### **Lectionary Readings for the upcoming weeks:**

December 8th - Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

December 15<sup>th</sup> – Isaiah 35:1-10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11

December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Isaiah 7:10-16, Roman 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25

**Concern List:**

**Betty Allen**

**Betty Allen's Children** – Ken, Patty and Tom

**Tommy Babb** – Friend of the Rockow family

**Jane Ann Bowen** – Cousin of Debby Koenig and Jan Foster

**Santiago Casas** –Great Grandson of Becky Henderson

**Joe Cieniceros, Jr.** – Nephew of Earleen Lawrence

**Robert Elliott** – Lovene Hartman's Brother

**Nancy Fedorchak**

**Kelly Gorham** – Mike Trautman's Friend

**Matt Helm** – Betty & Bob Rybacki's Grandson-in-Law

**Leah Holler**

**Aaron Hotze**

**Karen** – Barbara Bowyer's Sister

**The Kennedy Family**

**Brian Lamkemeyer**- Son-in-law of Jeannie Dobrich

**Jerry Miller**

**Howard Nelson**

**Nora** – Great Granddaughter of Becky Henderson

**Margaret Rauhut**– Lee Rauhut's Mother

**Phyllis Ritts**

**David Rutherford** – Son of Maureen Rutherford

**Sue Schmidt** – Friend of Jamie McDonald

**Carson Shelley** - Mike Trautman's Friend

**Todd Shelton** “**Big Todd**”

**Rich Shugert** – Brother of John Shugert

**Arlie Tempel**

**Nancy Tempel**



**Please contact the church office if you have additional names.**



**Today's floral arrangement is given by:**

**Betty Allen**

*"Best Wishes to all, this Holiday Season!"*

## FAIR TRADE SALE



**Today, in Fellowship Hall, after the worship service,** you will have the opportunity to purchase some of the most beautiful and unique hand-crafted items by men and women of Peru, Cambodia, Haiti and Egypt. If you enjoy meaningful gift-giving for Christmas, birthdays, anniversaries or for any special occasion, please consider choosing from a variety of items that will be made available to you on today.

These items, brought to us through Partner's for Just Trade, grew out of the Joining Hands partnership with Peru of the Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery. Their base of operation is located at Webster Groves Presbyterian Church. The goal has always been to improve the economic livelihood of these countries through Fair Trade. With your help we make this happen every day!

## Poinsettias

Yes, it's that time of year when "time flies". It won't be long before we begin decorating our beautiful Sanctuary for "the most wonderful time of year!". I will be taking orders for Poinsettias. - Becky Henderson



December is here and it's once again time for our FPC Ladies Christmas Party. The event will be held on **Friday, December 6th at 6 pm at Hendel's Restaurant**. I have sent an email to many of the ladies but for those I don't have an email, please know you are welcomed to join us. You may respond via phone or text me at 314 805-1205 or by email [ibemoe@att.net](mailto:ibemoe@att.net). Hope to see as many as we had at our summer lunch. Merry Christmas to my FPC friends.

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## THE COOKIE WALK IS COMING! YUM!



On **December 8 and 15** we will host the annual Cookie Walk to provide funds for families in need within the Ferguson-Florissant School District. Get ready to buy some delicious cookies that can be used for (1) your drive home from church (2) a gift for a friend (3) to share with co-workers (4) late night snacks while watching Hallmark holiday movies (5) or anything else you wish! We look forward to a lot of you buying the delicious homemade cookies! And, if you love to bake cookies, please contact Jan Foster.

### **Anthem: The Advent of Our God**

The Advent of our God, Shall be our theme for prayer,  
Come, let us meet him on the road, And place for him prepare.

The everlasting Son, Incarnate deigns to be,  
A servant's form puts on, To set his servants free.

O Zion's Daughter rise, To meet our heav'nly King  
Nor let a faithless heart despise, The peace he comes to bring.

All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one, Through all eternity.



Breakfast with Santa will be on **Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 9:00am to 11:30am**. Bring your kids and grandkids to church for a light breakfast, arts and crafts, pictures with Santa, and buy small treats in the Santa Shop. Free vision screening will be available for children 1-16 years. A donation of peanut butter for the food voucher program is requested. Please talk to Tom Clayton or Jeannie Dobrich if you have any questions. You may email Jeannie at [jkdnana3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jkdnana3@sbcglobal.net).

### **OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED:**

Have you ever wanted to be part of the Outreach Committee and work on the special offerings of the church year and support the local missions of FPC? If you would like to join this important work or if you have questions about the committee, please see Jan Foster.



### **Cemetery Plots**



Our church is in the possession of 12 cemetery plots at Laurel Hill Memorial Garden (2 sets of 4 consecutive spaces) and Valhalla Cemetery (4 consecutive spaces). These plots were donated by members years ago. If you would like more information about these plots, please contact Mike. The Sessions had a discussion about what to do with these plots. They are going to determine if there is a social service agency that would accept these plots for use for indigent person or family.

### **TO OUR VISITORS**

We warmly welcome all that have come to this service. Let us reach out our hands and hearts in friendship to one another. Please join us for coffee, juice and conversation in our Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. If you are without a church home, please accept our invitation to join us in fellowship and service. Speak to the pastor or call us at 522-8542 or email fergpres@gmail.com and we will be glad to arrange a visit or send information.

### **CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Michael F. Trautman; Minister  
Bill Wade; Music Director  
Marcia Key; Office Administrator  
Lee Weltmer; Treasurer  
John Shugert; Financial Recorder  
Susan Owens; Nursery Supervisor  
LaHaji Thomas; Youth Ministry Coordinator  
Donna Schiro – Commissioned Lay Pastor

### **Office Hours**

Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday – 8:30 am-12:30 pm  
Friday – Closed

### **Weekly Calendar**

#### **Sunday, December 1:**

Christ The King Sunday

9:00am- Choir Rehearsal    9:45am - Coffee Hour    10:15am - Worship Service

#### **Monday, December 2:**

9:00am - Wood Carvers    6:30pm - AA group

#### **Tuesday, December 3:**

12:30pm - Card Making    6:30pm – Boy Scouts

#### **Wednesday, December 4:**

11:00am - Christmas Cantata Rehearsal    2:00pm – Handbells    7:00pm – Choir rehearsal

#### **Thursday, December 5:**

No Events

#### **Friday, December 6:**

No Events

#### **Saturday December 7:**

Hanging of the Greens