

Holly Presbyterian Church
First Sunday of Advent-HOPE
November 28, 2021

Welcome We welcome all visitors, whether this is your first time with us, or you've been here often.

Greeting and Pennies from Heaven - A voluntary small change offering for new building projects. Basket is on the table by the AV desk.

Announcements At this time there will be a moment for sharing announcements.

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

In this holy time

God waits for us.

From the margins

We come in hope!

O may our hearts and minds be opened

Fling the church doors open wide.

May there be room enough for everyone inside.

For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.

May that welcome be our song.

Someone is coming...

We are waiting...

Someone is coming to grant dignity to long-suffering bodies...

We are waiting...

Someone is coming to those who are alone and rejected...

We are waiting...

Someone is coming who cares for what others ignore...

We are waiting...

Someone is coming to give hope when the world says there is none...

And so we sing!

Morning Hymn 2 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

(While still in the midst of the pandemic, we will be listening only and not singing. However, follow the words along with the music if you are so moved.)

***Prayer of Confession**

We bring to you-The unfulfilled promises to you and to each other, the unfulfilled promises to ourselves, the unopened presents of time, of interest, of love which others have offered.



We give to you- The thank yous that were never said, the apologies that were never made, the time that was never spent.

We offer to you, even with reluctance-Any disappointment or hurt, any jealousy or pettiness, which will dement the future unless we are liberated from it today.

And we do this because your unfinished business is to make us complete, and we will not stand in the way of your purposes. Make us merciful as you are merciful, generous in our warmth towards self and others. This we ask in Jesus' name.

****Silent Confession***

****Assurance of Forgiveness***

We love because God first loved us.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Come as a Child

(We set apart this time specifically for children as we reflect upon the words of scripture for the day. There is no need to move from where you are, unless you find it helpful to come closer. Adults, too, are invited to listen as a child might and to participate.)

In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the turning of the light into winter's season and to pray for the return of the light. The church has Christianized that practice in the lighting of the Advent wreath. To us, these candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who is coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our world. Until the dawning of that Great Day, we watch and wait in the Holy Spirit for Christ's coming into the darkness of our world, lighting candles of hope, peace, joy, and love; and remembering the promises of God with prayer.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath *Hope*

Watch and wait for Christ's coming! Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.

We light this candle in hope. (The first candle is lit.)

God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.

First Reading Psalm 25:1-10 Pew Bible (OT) Pg. 475

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Reading** Luke 21:25-36 Pew Bible (NT) Pg. 80-81

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 9 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

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Prayers of the People

Loving and eternal creator of all, as we begin our Advent pilgrimage, grant us the courage to hope, for as your light shines in the darkness, may we be aware of the places of unrest-
in our families,
in our parishes,
in our community,
in our world.

And let us pray in hope for peace in the world. God, in your mercy,

You hear our prayer.

Silent and Spoken Community Prayers

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.

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*Invitation to the Offering

*Prayer of Dedication

*Charge

*Blessing

Postlude (Working together to help maintain safety during this time of Covid, please exit the sanctuary quietly during the Postlude.)

- The Call to Worship is modified and borrowed from The Institute for Welcoming Resources.
- The Communal Prayer of Confession is modified and borrowed from liturgy provided by The Church of Scotland.
- The reflection on the Advent wreath is from the Office of Theology and Worship of the PC(USA).

Serving in the celebration of worship this week:

A/V Setup: Jim Lyles

Sound/Camcorder Operator: Vicki Lyles

From the Care Team

Prayers of Comfort –

- Prayers of comfort for the family of Betty Striggow (Penny Schettling's mother).
- Prayers of comfort for Julie Parish and family as her mother-in-law passed away last month from COVID.

Prayers of Joy –

Mandie Banks' grandma is doing well and came home from the hospital last week after her surgery to remove bile duct stones.

Other Prayer Concerns -

- For those who are suffering from natural and man-made disasters.
- For all those sickened and threatened by the COVID-19 virus here in the United States and around the world.
- For healing, strength, comfort and peace for: **Pastor Brooke and Mather (Pastor Brooke's son)** who has Covid; **Frank Kasparek** (Jan Bradshaw's brother in law) who contracted COVID three weeks ago; **Barb Brown** (testing concerning nodules on her lungs); **Steve in FL** (Friend of Cathy & Bob Killewald) who has stage 4 bladder cancer; **Debbie Mikolowski** (Penny Schettling's sister), who is battling cancer and having a difficult time; **George Dzahristos** (a friend of Randy Cook's) who has suffered an aneurysm in his brain and has a long recovery; **Mary Renico** who continues with wound treatment; **Melinda** (Elizabeth Kici's daughter), who was diagnosed with breast cancer and is undergoing treatment; **Jim Pelton**, who has Lewy Body Dementia and in decline; **Diana** (friend of Cathie Killewald) who is facing health issues with her lungs and continues with medical tests; **Mandie Banks** who has not been feeling well and is going through medication adjustments for Lupus; **Mandie's mom, Laura**, who will be having back surgery on November 16; **Jim Killewald** (Bob & Cathie's son) who has a lot of pain; ongoing prayers for **Hadleigh Banks, Keaton Banks** who still is having kidney issues and will be on medication for six months; **Fran Olson** and **Terry & Julie Parish**.
- For those serving, or who have served, in our military.
- For our country, its leaders and for world peace in a troubled time;
- For all the churches in our Presbytery that are in transition.
- And for our church during these difficult times.

Finance Team

Weekly Summary	Average budgeted needs	Income received	Attendance
Nov 21st	\$2,268.01	\$780.00	22



Hanging of the Greens

Advent season is almost here. This year we have made a sign-up sheet of what needs to be done and when it has to be done by. We are limiting the number of people being together because of Covid. Please try to adhere to no more than four. You will also need to decide when you want to meet to decorate. If you have any questions, please contact Vicki Lyles at 248-634-4610.

Poinsettia Memorials

The Worship Team is selling Poinsettias for Christmas. They will be displayed Dec. 12th through Dec. 25th at which time you may take them home. If you would like to remember a loved one this season, please fill out the form indicating a single for \$15 or double for \$25. Then indicate who they are in remembrance of.



Adopt-a-Family We are doing our annual Christmas Adopt-A-Family Mission again, this year. The gift tags are on the board in the narthex. Each tag will include the person's first name and type of gifts including sizes. Please wrap your gift and put the tag on it. Return to the church no later than **Sunday December 19th**. Thank you in advance for helping this family.