



Holly Presbyterian Church
First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024



Welcome and Announcements

Pennies from Heaven A voluntary small change offering for building projects.

Prelude

Julia Hull

Reflection during the prelude: What hope do you have in your faith in Jesus? How does that hope impact your daily life?

***Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Dessalee Cook

***Advent Hymn #85 "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"**

Lord we eagerly await your promised coming. We long to know you face to face. While we wait for that promised day, we will be a people of hope for this world. A beacon of light in the midst of darkness. Salt of the earth that we might preserve your goodness. We give ourselves to you as your faithful remnant in the world. Amen.

***Opening Hymn #82 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord you always come through on your promises. Why do we find it so difficult to trust them? We make our own plans, hedge our bets, and think we have greater control than we do. Forgive us for not trusting you completely. Where we lack faith, turn our hearts to you and fill them. Where we lack action, lead us on in your Holy Spirit's guidance. Where we lack perseverance, strengthen us by your Word.

(please take time for silent personal confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Amen!

Prayer for Illumination

Lord your Word is living and active. Sharp enough to divide our hearts and our minds. Make us open to your Word as we hear it read and preached. Cut out all within us that is not of you and make us fully yours. Amen.

Scriptures

Old Testament

Jeremiah 1:1-12

Pew Bible (OT) Pg. 656

Old Testament

Jeremiah 5:10-13

Pew Bible (OT) Pg. 662

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Hope of a People"

Rev. Chris Thomas

Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

*Hymn #81 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

Offertory

*Doxology Hymn #606 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Prayer of Dedication

Lord, you have not held back in giving to us. You gave us your one and only Son, with whom you are well pleased. You sacrificed all for us. Take our sacrifices this morning as a sign of our gratitude and surrender to you. Strengthen us to see all that we have as yours and to use those resources for your glory. Amen.

*Closing Praise "10,000 Reasons"

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Julia Julia Hull

Assisting with worship today: Dessalee Cook Worship Leader; Margaret Perry Communion; Tom Schettling Usher/Greeter; Brian Parker AV Setup, Jim Lyles Sound.

Hanging of the Greens



Join us next Friday December 6th at 10am to decorate the church for Christmas.

Fenton Ambassadors Concert

It's that time of year again. The Fenton Ambassadors are coming on Sunday, December 8th at 7pm. Come, invite your friends and relax to the music and hear the Christmas spirit. You will want to bake cookies, shop, wrap and decorate your home after seeing them. A snack will be served after.



Adopt-a-Family is under way. We will have more information coming.



Advent

Take time this season to enjoy this Advent season. Hope, Joy, Love and Peace. Oh, wait it gets better, we also get to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus. Let the season reflect how you want to be.

Finance Team

Monthly summary	Average budgeted needs	Income received
November	\$5,647.25	\$6,043.78

Christian Education

Join us on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month for Bible Study at 10:00am.



Congregational Care Team

Coffee and Fellowship

Please join us for Coffee, snack and some fellowship at 10:30am each Sunday.





Volunteers needed THANK YOU!! We need Advent Reader and light candle for December 22nd. For Coffee Hour we need someone for December 29th. Remember that January is on the boards to sign up. Pray and see where God is leading you. God appreciates you.

Prayer Concerns

Please remember to pray for Pastor Chris and his family, and our church, every day.

For healing: Hurricane Helene & Milton victims; Alex Searfoss (great grandson of Donna Miller) Third degree burns over 40% of his body. He is home with his mother and doing physical therapy.; **Tom Schettling; Mike Schettling** (Tom Schettling's cousin) cancer, same age as Tom; **Won Chea** (Tom Schettling's brother-in-law) treatment stomach cancer; **Gordie Bradshaw** treatment; **Penny Schettling; Jerry Watkins** (Laura Parker's dad).



Ongoing prayers: Jessica Duis (Jim & Vicki Lyles' niece), **Mike Pelton, Don Neuville, Steve in FL, and Jim Killewald.**

Prayers for those suffering: for all those affected by war, severe weather, hunger, gun violence, abuse, and/or addiction.



Wreaths & Poinsettias – Thank you for your order! The Poinsettias will be in the Sanctuary on December 15th. They can be taken home Sunday December 22nd.

The greenery items are here for pickup. They are in the

Community Room.



Mark your calendar

Sun Dec 1 st	First Sunday of Advent 10:30am Coffee Hour 11:15am Worship
Tues Dec 3 rd	6:00pm Outreach Team 7:00pm IT Team
Fri Dec 6 th	10:00am Baby Pantry 10:00am Decorate for Christmas
Sun Dec 8 th	10:00am Bible Study 10:30am Coffee Hour 11:15am Worship 7:00pm Fenton Ambassadors Concert
