

Order of Service
November 27, 2022
1st Sunday of Advent

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We are so glad you have joined us for worship – either in person or online. You can get the latest information by visiting our website (www.firstprespaletine.com) and signing up to be on our e-mail list. We know that God is present whenever we gather, whether we gather in person or virtually, and hears the praise and prayers of our hearts. God’s peace be with you.

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****INDICATES TO PLEASE STAND IF ABLE TO DO SO.**

GATHERING

Meditation in Preparation for Worship

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the time of watching and waiting. It is a time full of expectation.

People: We want to keep awake and be ready.

Leader: We know not the day or the hour.

People: Yet we will continue preparations for the coming of the Lord.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – Mindy & Elias Evans; David Fulling

Litany of Light

Leader: Let us share together in the Litany of Light

Leader: I rejoiced when they said to me:

People: Let us go to the house of the Lord!

Leader: Pray for peace in Jerusalem.

People: Pray for peace inside your city walls.

Unison: Since all are my neighbors and friends I say, Peace be with you.

Leader: Since Yahweh our God lives here, I pray for your good.

Meditation

Prayer

****Opening Hymn**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Blue Hymnal #9 vs. 1,3

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.*

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

*O come, Desire of nations, bind All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. (Refrain)*

Invocation

Children's Moment

Call to Confession (From Hebrews 4:14-16)

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, remind us that you have formed us with your own hands, made us in your own image, and placed us in this world to be stewards of your good creation. Made for generous relationships, we have retreated into ourselves. Created for the purpose of making your goodness known, we allow lesser tasks to occupy our time. Forgive our failure to live in the way you made us to live. Renew within us the knowledge of your love so that we may live joyfully and gratefully, sharing what we have. For we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who offered himself for us, and opens to us the way of eternal life.

Assurance of Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **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.

THE WORD

Scripture **Matthew 24:36-44**

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"LIVING IN ANTICIPATION"

Rev. Tom Akers

Choir Anthem

I'm Expecting Him

Lani Smith

I'm expecting him; He'll be coming soon In the stillness of the night In Bethlehem. I'm expecting him; He'll be coming soon, And he'll bring good will and peace To earth again! I have waited long For the tidings sweet, and the song the angels sing Thro' out the night, In a stable bare, Yes, I'll find him there, That dear little Son of God Who Brings us light. In that manger bed where he'll rest his head, I'll look down and there behold His gentle face. He's my Lord and King! He's my ev'rything! And I know he'll make this world a better place. I'm expecting him, He'll be coming soon, Like a rose while snowflakes fall. I'm expecting him With a joyful heart, For I know this little King is Lord of all, For I know this little King is Lord of all.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Call for the Offering



How to Give: you can go directly to our website and use our online giving platform to set up a one-time or recurring gift; you can mail your offering directly to the church (POB 132, Palestine IL 62451), or you can drop your tithes and offerings at the church office, Mon – Thurs, 10 am – 2 pm.

Presentation of Offerings and Song of Dedication

****Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology) (#606)**

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

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. AMEN.

SENDING

**Hymn of Sending *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Blue Hymnal #2 vs. 1,2

*Come, Thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free; From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's Strength and Consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.*

*Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King, Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne.*

Benediction

Postlude

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PRAYER REQUEST

People of Ukraine

***Larry Biggs Jr.** – Recovering from Gallbladder surgery

Cheryl Mefford – Blood clot in both legs

Christy (Woodworth) Blickensderfer - Cancer

Sally Hoke – At Bridgepoint. Scheduled for knee replacement in early December.

Sally Shepherd – Doing well after surgery, continued prayers for healing

Teresa Blackburn – Diagnosed with Cancer

Finn Misrahi (Meredith's Grandson) – Recurring Fever

Ron Legg – Recovering from heart surgery.

Doris & Bill Powell – Doris battling lung cancer

Kent Simms – Home & wearing back brace.

John Hunter - Cancer has returned

Brant Fuller – Had surgery to put in pacemaker.

Blain Loll – Diagnosed with Leukemia

Dalton Herlocker – Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma

Kimberly Harmon – Undergoing chemo treatments

Donna Wilson – Fell and has concussion

Letty Homan – Broken Feet, recovering at daughter's home in California. (Address Below)

David Bennett – (Samantha Knoblett's Dad) suffered a stroke.

Miranda (Inbodden) Waddel – Breast cancer

Bob Roberts – Recovering from Triple Bypass Surgery

Nick, Lawrence, & Jacob (Knoblett friend's Children)

Levi, Samantha Knoblett & Kids

Mei Judge – doing well with treatment

Brenda Wolfe

*** Indicates update or newly added**

Remember our college students:

Kendra Biggs – Bellarmine

Lindsay Ryan – EIU

Charlie Catt – LTC

Remember those in our church family who are in assisted living or care homes:

Timber Creek Village

Sharon Biggs, Mary Laughead, Paul Rosenberg
1302 W Highland Avenue, Robinson, IL 62454

Sisters of Providence

Guileen Manual
1 Providence Pl, St Mary-Of-The-Woods, IN 47876

BridgePointe Health Campus

Cheryl Mefford & Sally Hoke
1900 College Ave, Vincennes, IN 47591

Arbor Rose of Robinson

Carolyn Ripley
500 S Reed Street, Robinson, IL 62454

Cotillion Ridge

Richard & Lee Vehling
600 Robinwood Dr, Robinson, IL 62454

The Villages at Oak Ridge

Joan Goodwin
1694 Troy Rd, Washington, IN 47501

Letty Homan C/O Penny Homan-Muise

609 Sandpiper Drive, Sealbeach, CA 90740

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER MISSION GIVING: Outer West Market - Thanksgiving and Christmas Meals

MEETING DATES

- Today, after Worship Service - Special Congregation Meeting to amend the Bylaws
- December 20, 5:00 p.m. – Session Meeting
- January 18, 5:30 p.m. – Trustee Meeting (No meeting in December)

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

- Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m. – Choir Practice
- December 4 – Communion Sunday; Holiday Meal after Worship Service
- December 15, 7:00 p.m. – Blue Christmas Service, First Presbyterian Church

LOCATED AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY

- Session Recommended Bylaws
- The Upper Room – November - December
- Presbyterians Today – November - December
- Poinsettia Order Envelopes
- Thank You Card – Ark of the Covenant Soup Kitchen
- Advent Devotionals – Week 1



DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 30, 2022

AMOUNT: \$21.00 EACH

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