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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Pikeville

## Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday in Advent

December 14, 2025

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## Greeting

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

## Prelude

## Advent Candle Lighting

O Come, All Ye Faithful

#41, Refrain

## \*Call to Worship

Soon parched lands will blossom into life  
and burst into joyful song—very soon.

Say to those who are drowning in fear,  
“Take courage! Here is God, coming to save you.”

Soon every creature will have what it needs in abundance.  
All peoples of all ages will shout for joy in freedom. Amen.

## Hymn

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

#2

## \*Prayer of Confession

God of all creation, your vision of peace is beyond our knowing. We have been hurt and we have seen destruction, so we turn around and hurt others, destroying what you have called good. Forgive us, and fill us with your knowledge, so we may help bring forth your peaceful kingdom. Amen.

## \*Assurance of Pardon

Beloved, know this: the God of Presence, the God of Transformation, the God of Peace, hears our prayers and gives us power to love. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

## \*Gloria Patri

## \*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

## Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word, so that we may see the glorious signs of your promise fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Congregation speaks bolded lines



## Prophet

James 5:7-10

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## Gospel

Isaiah 35:1-10

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Oh Christ.

## Sermon

## \*Hymn

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

#9

## Lord's Supper Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest...

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

## Affirmation of Faith- The Apostles' Creed

## Prayers of the People

## Offertory

## \*Doxology

## Hymn

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

#41

## \*Charge & Blessing

## Postlude

\* All who are able may stand.





# Announcements



- Any members, visitors, and key holders! If you are visiting/working in the church outside of service times, please be sure to let Pastor Scot or Sara know. If during office hours please come in building through the office door. THANK YOU!

- For anyone interested in participating in a Bell Choir, practice will be held every Wednesday at 7PM in the music room. Please contact Les Ronning if you are interested.



- We need your hymn suggestions! Do you have a favorite hymn? Is there a song we haven't played in worship in a while you would like to hear? Have a song suggestion we haven't done before? If so, fill out one of the hymn suggestion cards and place it in the bowl on the table in the main hallway.

- We are still collecting donations of non-perishable food items to have on hand at the Office to hand out to those in need. Examples of what is needed is: canned soups or vegetables, boxed food items, bottles of water and even toiletries.



- If you are wanting a shirt and missed the deadline there are various sizes in the office. If you want one you can stop by the office during office hours and get yours.



- Online giving is available! Just scan the QR code below to give using your credit/debit card.



- You can pick up an envelope for the Christmas Joy offering where you found your bulletin this morning along with info about the offering. The Christmas Joy offering is an annual denomination wide PC (U.S.A.) special offering that supports church leaders among us- past, present, and future- who have pointed us toward God.



- Consider honoring or memorializing your friends & family with donations for Poinsettias. Names of those remembered and the donor will be printed in the bulletin on the last Sunday of Advent. You may pick up your flowers after the morning service.

Deadline to order is Tuesday, December 16. You may mail or drop off your check of \$20 to the church office, or place payment in an offering envelope and on the Other line write POINSETTIA.



- There will be a Blue Christmas service on Wednesday, December 17th at 6:00PM. Blue Christmas services, or Longest Night services as they are sometimes called, offer an alternative to the joy of the seasonal celebrations for those who find themselves in places of darkness due to the loss of a loved one, depression or other difficulties. In fact, Longest Night services are held on or around the winter solstice when daylight is fleeting and darkness lingers. For those who find themselves in a long, dark night of the soul, such services can offer a glimmer of light. As we close out what was a difficult year for many, this service can be very timely.



- Join us Tuesday, December 24 at 6 PM for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service! All are invited as we worship together with lessons and carols.

Let us rejoice together for unto us a child is born!

- Join us for our Advent book study! This year we will be using the devotional "Prepare Him Room" by Susie Larson. Larson's devotional invites us to slow down and be more open to the things of God this Advent season. To be more expectant of God's movement in our midst and to be joyful in the coming of our King. The study will begin Wednesday, Jan. 7th at 6 PM.

If you are interested in the study and want a copy of the book, please sign the sheet on the sign-up table or let Pastor Scot know!





# Prayer Concerns

## Long term needs in our church family:

Dewey & Kathy Bishop	Meg Sidle
Brenda Blackburn	John McGregor
Diana Damron	Judi Patton
Linda Ford	Chip Salyers
Sandy Ford	Jesse Stewart
Hannah Hopkins	Fred Syck
Nathaniel Levy	David Zoellers
Guy Moyer	

\* means was recently requested extra prayers

## Mission Partners:

Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center  
Judi's Place  
Thankful Hearts Food Pantry  
Thursday's Child  
United Helping Hands  
WestCare Perry Cline Emergency Shelter  
WJSO

## Shut-ins in our church family:

Carmella Lawson  
Lynn Levy

Family of  
Martha Layne Collins

Jayne Baird

Heather Ousley

Family of  
Howard Gray

Heath Dingus

Robert Pauley

Family of  
Bonnie B. Hughes

Sandy Ford

Jaxon Ray

Mason Hunter

Cynthia Roberts

Ashton Lyon

Hutson Roberts

Zamaria Marcum

Rodney Snodgrass

Taylor Families

Anne McGee

Jaz Taylor

Our Country

Raymond Nelson

Judy Wade

Please give updates to Prayer Requests as we would love to see how God is working in those moments of need. All Prayer Requests will be taken off the Bulletin after 4 weeks unless requested for more prayer needs.







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