

Service of Worship

December 10th, 2023

2nd Sunday of Advent



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

Rev. Dr. Amy Snow, Interim Pastor

Dave Zeng, Music Director

Mika Komuro, Pianist

We Gather Together

Fanfare

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

“Angels We Have Heard on High”
Isaac & Sy Young

Advent Wreath Lighting

The Hughes Family

Hymn #84, verse 1

**“Creator of the stars of night, Your people’s everlasting light, O Christ,
Redeemer of us all, We pray you hear us when we call.”**

Lord Jesus, as we search for signs of peace this week, help us to *become* the signs of peace that others are searching for. As these candles are but a glimpse of the light of the heavens, help us to be a glimpse of heaven’s peace. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

“Come Thou Almighty King”

Hymn #2

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, John the Baptist prepares the way by calling upon us to repent. We have failed to share as we should. We have failed to honor the poor and the oppressed. We have failed to bear fruit worthy of your salvation. In summary we have failed to love our neighbors and we haven’t even truly loved ourselves. Have mercy upon us, God. Heal and forgive us so we can welcome Christ with pure and genuine hearts. Amen.

*Assurance of God’s Love and Forgiveness

With joy, let us draw water from the springs of salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord! Call on God’s name.

For in Christ we are forgiven, rescued and redeemed. Amen.

Hymn #93, verse 3

**“Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.”**

The Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you,

And also, with you.

Special Music

“A Prayer for Advent”
Chancel Choir

by Martin & Nolan

We Proclaim God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11
Matthew 3:1-12

Pew Bible pg. 667
Pew Bible pg. 2

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“When all is Lost, What is Left?”

Rev. Dr. Amy Snow

We Respond to God’s Word

Hymn of Response

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Hymn #82

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call for the Offering

Offertory

“While We Are Waiting, Come”

Doxology

Hymn #608

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit ever more; praise Triune God, whom we adore. “

Prayer of Dedication

We Go Forth In God's Name

Closing Hymn

“People Look East”

Hymn #105

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Hymn #105 verse 4

“Stars keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together. People look east and sing today: Love the Lord, is on the way.”

Postlude

Mika Komuro

WORSHIP NOTES

Acolyte: Elsie Wen

Liturgist: Lisa Cooper

*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

All Hymns from Glory to God hymnal, unless noted otherwise

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