

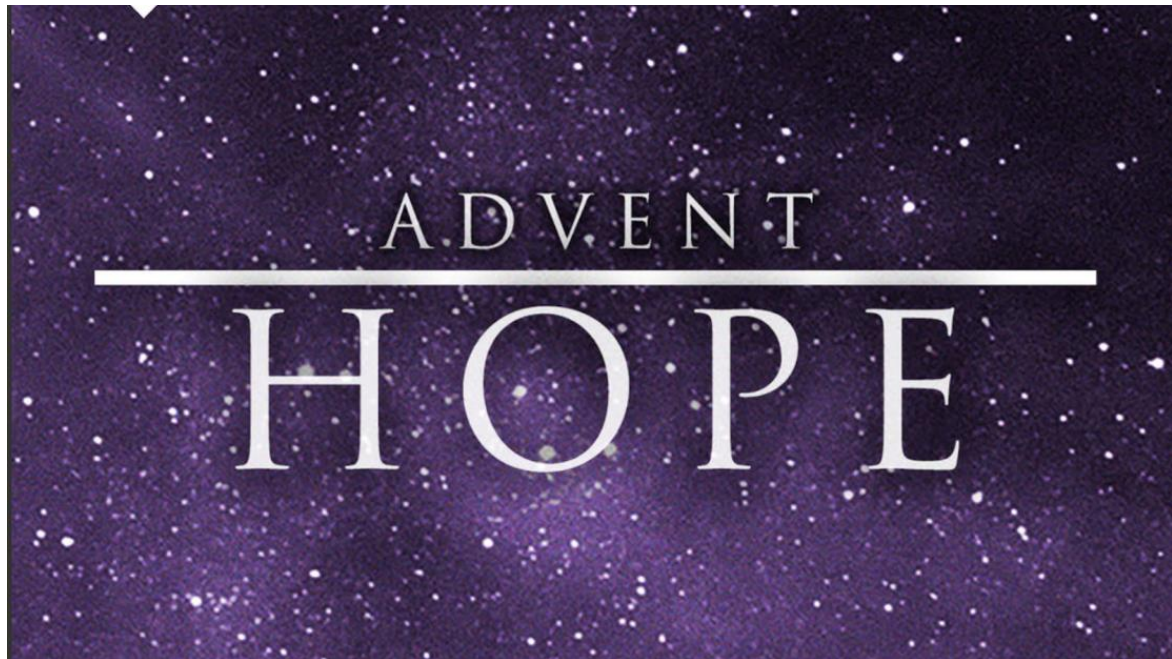
# First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

November 28, 2021

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)

First Sunday in Advent



## THE WORSHIP OF OUR LORD

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*\* Indicates those who are able, please stand*

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WE GATHER BEFORE GOD

† WELCOME – WORSHIP – CELEBRATE – SERVE †

PRELUDE “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Smith/Martin

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Advent Wreath Lighters: The Thornton family and Lute family

Pastor: Where do we hear of hope?

**People:** *Those who place their hope in the Lord will renew their strength and mount up with wings like eagles.*

Pastor: Surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord,

**People:** *plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.*

Pastor: On this first Sunday of Advent, let us light a candle to *hear* hope.

SING #772, v.1 “Live into Hope”

\*CALL TO WORSHIP-based on the foundational essay by Charlene Jin Lee **(Please quietly join in unison)**

One: We no longer have to wait and yearn for God, for God has come.

**All:** *God is near, ever near.*

One: We no longer have to wait and long to hear from God, for God has spoken.

**All:** *God is speaking.*

One: We no longer have to wait and imagine the day of our salvation, for the Savior has come to bring hope to the weary.

**All:** *God is here.*

One: Let us worship God.

\*HYMN #88 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” **(Please sing quietly)**

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION Beth Merrill Neel, [www.holdfasttowhatisgood.com](http://www.holdfasttowhatisgood.com) **(Please quietly join in unison)**

*In Jesus Christ, our Lord, the grace of God has appeared, bringing light to us all. With confidence, let us confess our sin.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION **(Please quietly join in unison)**

*Holy God, we aspire to love and trust you, but so often we get in the way of ourselves. We see only the deep sadness of the world, and do not notice your people at work amid the sorrow. We assume that things will never get better, and do not see all that is good right now. We close our eyes and complain about the darkness, rather than see the light that shines all around us. Help us, Holy One. Help us to grow in love and trust, in compassion and hope, so that as the Christ Child comes to us once again, we will see him, and know him, and rejoice. Amen.*

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Ps.103:17 **(Please quietly join in unison)**

Pastor: Sisters and brothers in Christ, the promise is true: God loves us. God forgives us. God is coming to us even now to save us. Thanks be to God.

**All:** *Alleluia! Amen*

\*SINGING GOD’S GLORY: Gloria Patri “Glory to the Father” #567 **(Please quietly join in unison)**

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen Amen Amen*

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF GOD (Please quietly join in unison)**

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ,  
let us all forgive one another,  
and pass the peace of Christ to each other.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**People: And also with you!**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**NOISY OFFERING**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Please quietly join in unison)**

— written by Rev. Andy James, First Presbyterian Church of Whitestone, New York, and posted on the [LiturgyLink](#) website.

***Speak to us, Lord. Speak to us in the waiting, the watching, the hoping, the longing, the sorrow, the sighing, the rejoicing. Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days, and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.***

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Isaiah 9:1-7, 40:28-31

**ANTHEM: "People Need the Lord"**

By Phil McHugh & Greg Nelson Arr. Mark Hayes  
Played by Lee Meyer

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**

John 1: 1-5, 14

**SERMON: "Hear Hope"**

Rev. Ericka Kilbourne

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (From the Belhar Confession) (Please quietly join in unison)**

***We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope.***

**EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY: "Come Thou Long - Expected Jesus"**

Setting: M. Burkhardt

Many ways to give and give back  paypal.com **Click on link**

<https://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/112574644767835624/charity/3545525>  
OR [Scan here:](#)



**First time visitors**-we would love to connect with you.  
Please text "welcome" to 219-300-9867 and share your contact information with us.

\*Doxology Song #592  
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION, followed by The Lord's Prayer (**Please quietly join in unison using "debts"**)  
Before each worship service, you are welcome to email Pastor at [erickapk@fpcmicity.org](mailto:erickapk@fpcmicity.org), or write on a green prayer card as you enter the sanctuary to make your prayer request (joy/or concern) to be included in the Pastoral Prayer.

## WE GO OUT IN GRATITUDE TO SERVE IN GOD'S NAME

### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

If you need a community to belong to, if you are thirsty for the word of life and want to live as a disciple of Jesus, join us in his ministry and mission. You are welcome and needed here.

\*HYMN #108 "Of the Father's Love Begotten" (**Please sing quietly**)

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Friends, on you the light of God has shone. Live as the children of light as you proclaim hope to the world God so loves in Jesus Christ. And the blessing of God—Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer—be with you this day and forever. Amen.

\*POSTLUDE: "Prepare the Way, O Zion"

*C. P. Price*

### SHARE OUR PRAYERS WITH:

- Robert Casper, husband of Jennifer and son of Janice & Andy, Dave Dougherty, Louise Durflinger, Sally Hooper, Thelma Stoakes, and Chris Weninger for health needs
- Nancy Arnold, her family and friends as they grieve the loss of Dallas Stanley.
- Patty Mershon Schaefer, her family and friends as they grieve the loss of her son-in-law, Gary Gillies
- First Presbyterian Church, Michigan City.
- Pray for our Military and their families.
- The world as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic

### GUESTS AND VISITORS

We are delighted to welcome you and worship with you today! **First time visitors**-we would love to connect with you. Please text "welcome" to 219-300-9867 and share your contact information with us.

The CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Zander Barr from Mary Barr.

The CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of all the Health Care workers and teachers from Margo Shank.

### SERVING TODAY

Ministers  
Preacher  
Organist  
Liturgist  
Youth Liturgist  
Usher  
Video & Sound Crew

All Members of the Congregation  
Reverend Dr. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne  
Carol Garrett  
Mary Jo McDonald  
Eve McCulough  
Penny Russell  
Rylie Thornton and Mark Smith

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**

# MASKS

The Session, by recommendation of the COVID response team of the First Presbyterian Church of Michigan City has made the decision that **MASKS ARE REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES WHILE YOU ARE IN THE BUILDING, EVEN IF YOU ARE FULLY VACCINATED.**

**FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL PLEASE WEAR A MASK AND CONTINUE TO OBSERVE DISTANCING**

We would like for all to feel safe and comfortable when they worship with us. Thank You



**LOOK** WHO WAS  
**BORN**

IN NOVEMBER

November 02 Elizabeth Sullivan  
November 04 Leah Alexander  
November 04 Kevin Mahaffey  
November 05 Ruth Gieser  
November 06 Elise Nothstine  
November 07 Shirley Bowman  
November 10 Robert McGuire  
November 10 Donna Ogle  
November 11 Dave Dougherty  
November 12 Brock Vinson  
November 13 Hannah Kilbourne  
November 14 Joyce Bohn  
November 14 Catherine Tempel

November 15 Joanne Mahaffey  
November 15 Aaron Tempel  
November 20 Elizabeth Gesse  
November 20 Haley Gesse  
November 20 Laura Kittle  
November 20 Ryan Towel  
November 21 MacKinley Mosher  
November 22 Robert Tempel  
November 27 Erin McGuire  
December 01 Ree Labaj  
December 02 Andrew Grove

## CHURCH CHAT

### 2021 PER CAPITA

Per Capita for 2021 is \$42.03 per person. Remember this should NOT be included in your check for regular offering because it goes into a dedicated fund. Thank you

### Thanksgiving Offering

There is still time to give to this offer. Envelopes are located on the table by the usher

### 150 Year Celebration Trivia

Advent starts today and you may have noticed the beautiful paraments (cloth coverings on the communion table, pulpit, lectern, and banner) have been changed to blue signaling this church season when we prepare for the birth of the Christ Child. These paraments (and the white ones we use at Christmas) were made by Elaine Alonzo.



## CELEBRATE!

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the **150 members, 150 dollars, 150 years** challenge! Your contribution has already helped us to avoid a larger shortfall! For those of you who haven't already participated, you still have time! Please continue to contribute to this challenge through mid-December. Our shortfall is \$20,000.00 as of the end of September. With your participation, this could be smaller! We could even end the year with no shortfall! Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.



**Sunday School is a go!** Our new curriculum (all ages) started on October 31st --with the Follow Jesus Unit. This will give us 4 weeks to complete the Unit, just in time for the next unit, Hope --which is perfect for the start of Advent.

Adults, if you ordered your \$8.00 Reflection Guides (Advent Hope) some have arrived. See Amy McDaniel to pick up and pay if you have not already paid. Some were just ordered and should be in soon. When the **next** Reflection Guide (Practice Spiritual Disciplines) is ready to order, you will be notified to use this link <https://forms.gle/HnAUDV7gcygxYEhU6> to place your order if you care to have one.

**Please use this link to reserve your \$8.00 copy <https://forms.gle/HnAUDV7gcygxYEhU6> (This can also be found on Facebook) or scan this bar code:**



## MEMORIALS/DONATIONS

No donations were received this week

**ALL CALENDARS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE**



## “LIVE AT FIVE” Worship Service

Sunday, November 28th in the Sanctuary at 5pm



## CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

There are envelopes by the usher and information concerning this offering will be in next week's bulletin.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA**  
**USHER HAS ORDER FORMS**

Order your poinsettia in memory and/or in honor of a loved one this Christmas Season. Cost per plant is \$12.00. When you purchase a poinsettia, we will include your name and the name(s) in whose memory or honor the donation is made in our Christmas bulletin.

**Make check payable to First Presbyterian Church** and mail to: Attn: Diane Yettaw, 121 W. Ninth Street, Michigan City, IN 46360 or place in the offering plate. Deadline for ordering poinsettias is December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you  
Worship & Music

WE ARE  
*grateful*  
FOR YOU!

A BIG thank you to those who loaned us a cooler for last week's food distribution. Your cooler can be picked up in the undercroft after worship. Also, thank you to *photographer Michele Bartels*, and to Laurie Wilson, Janiece Barbknecht, Mary Barr, Marilyn Cook, Peggy McAnally, and Brian Spiece who helped assemble and distribute the boxes.

Worship & Music



Please mark your calendar! The new performance schedule will be:  
Saturday, December 18 at 7:00pm Concert  
Sunday, December 19 at 3:00pm Concert  
Both at Holdcraft Performing Arts Center.

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## Prayer Chain



For prayer requests  
Contact Brian Spiece at  
[jspiece@hotmail.com](mailto:jspiece@hotmail.com)

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Rev. Dr. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne  
Phone - 219-380-6566 - 879-4501  
Fax - 879-4503

E-mail - [dyettaw@fpcmicity.org](mailto:dyettaw@fpcmicity.org)

Web Site Address - <http://www.fpcmicity.org>

Link to schedule appointment with Pastor Ericka:  
<https://calendly.com/pastorericka/60min?month=2020-09>

YouTube - First Presbyterian Church Michigan City

Facebook - First Presbyterian Church Michigan City

WiFi password: 1holyGod!

