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## Worship



**Sunday, November 27, 2022**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**11:15 am**

*+Stand as you are able*

## Gathering

### Welcome and Announcements

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

### Centering Music

#### **+Call to Worship**

Leader: Now is the time of watching and waiting.

**People: The time of hopeful expectation of new life.**

Leader: Now is the season of love unfolding.

**People: May our souls magnify God's name and may our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!**

#### **+Hymn** *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus #2*

### Call to Confession

Leader: Sometimes it is hard to see God's hand in our world. Often it is easy to lose hope and allow ourselves to turn away from God's desires in the world. But God offers us new life each day. Let us join together as a community to confess our sin, to claim and reclaim the forgiveness and hope that God gives each of us.

### **Prayer of Confession** (Unison followed by silent confession)

**God of steadfast love, how impatient we are with you, with each other and with ourselves! We do not live as those who recognize your reign on earth, receive our anger too often and our expressions of love and interest too rarely. We speak of love and peace on earth, but ignore the realities and needs of our brothers and sisters in the global community. We earnestly repent, and are sorry in our hearts for these shortcomings and misdoings. We ask your forgiveness. Please give us the vision, strength, and will to expect and live in your dynamic, caring presence.**

### Assurance of Pardon

## Response of Praise

O come let us adore him;  
 O come let us adore him;  
 O come let us adore him,  
 Christ the Lord.

## Passing of the Peace

Leader: As God has forgiven us to draw us back into his love, let us live as people who live in this grace, sharing the peace of Christ with one another. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**Response: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

## Anthem

### Hearing the Word

## Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, the words of Scripture are God breathed, inspired by you and given life through the power of your Holy Spirit. By your Spirit, breathe your word into us, so that we become your faithful in a world that is starving for good news. For the sake of the Living Word, Jesus. Amen.

## Scripture Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

2 In days to come  
 the mountain of the Lord's house  
 shall be established as the highest of the mountains  
 and shall be raised above the hills;  
 all the nations shall stream to it.

3 Many peoples shall come and say,  
 "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
 to the house of the God of Jacob,  
 that he may teach us his ways  
 and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction  
 and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

4 He shall judge between the nations  
 and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
 they shall beat their swords into plowshares  
 and their spears into pruning hooks;  
 nation shall not lift up sword against nation;  
 neither shall they learn war any more.

5 O house of Jacob,  
 come, let us walk  
 in the light of the Lord!

**Hymn** *People, Look East* #12

## **New Testament Reading    Romans 13:11-14**

11 Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; 12 the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; 13 let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. 14 Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**Sermon**    *Vital Time*    Rev. Robert Wood

## **Responding to the Word**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

In time, God created the heavens and the earth. In time, God made man and woman in God's own image. In time, God called out a people to be a blessing to the whole world. In time, God gave leaders and prophets to guide the people. In time, God sent his own Son to be born in a stable to a mother named Mary. In time, God's Son died on a cross and then rose from the dead. In this time, God calls us to believe and respond to all God has done.

### **Offering Prayer**

Loving God, from your hand we receive those things we need, gift on gift, all free. We thank you for all you supply. Our gifts we humbly offer in response. Amen.

### **Joys and Concerns**

### **Prayers of the People**

### **Celebration of Communion**

## **Taking the Word into the World**

**+Hymn**    *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*    #9

### **+Charge and Benediction**

# COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - NOVEMBER 27, 2022

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### Scriptures for Sunday, December 4

Isaiah 11:1–10  
Psalm 72:1–7, 18–19  
Romans 15:4–13  
Matthew 3:1–12

### In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Betty Murphy  
Ruth Roeber  
The McDermott family  
Johanna Willis  
The Kleier family  
Jean Jennings' family  
Emilee Walden  
Kelly Montana  
Lynda Jaeger  
Kittie Dupps  
Ron Carlin  
Ella Grace Marksberry

### Worship Services

Join us for in person services at our new location at 710 Western Reserve Rd., Crescent Springs, KY. You can also worship with us online via Facebook Live, or by joining the conference call. Worship services begin at 11:15 am.

### Cornerstone Sandwiches

We will be delivering sandwiches to Cornerstone on Thursday, Dec. 1. Please drop off any prepared sandwiches to the church by Wednesday, Nov. 30.

### Liturgist Sign-Up

Volunteers for liturgist are needed for November and December, except for Christmas Day.

### Advent Giving Opportunities

As they are every year, our Advent giving opportunities are important in the life of the church, and in the lives of those in need. These include the PCUSA Christmas Joy offering, Buckhorn, the Giving Tree, and Be Concerned. Your Mission team suggests that we concentrate our giving on these known causes and non-profit organizations, with which we have had strong ties for many years. We invite you to contribute to one, two, three, or all of these causes.

They are: the Christmas Joy offering (one of the 4 "special" annual offerings to the PCUSA); Buckhorn, the children's home with locations in Kentucky and Ohio (contact Bill Lindsay and/or Jack Kleier about gift cards needed, cash, or checks.); the Giving Tree, which provided gifts to disadvantaged children in the Ludlow community (contact Jean Jennings about gift needs); and BeConcerned, a food bank, serving Covington and Kenton County. We also hope that you won't forget Nicaragua, helping our mission partner, CEPAD, to provide continuing relief to rural communities, ravaged by the hurricanes, droughts, and Covid.

Donate by sending your checks, with the selected cause(s) on the memo line to the church at P.O. Box 121038, Covington, KY 41012-1038. Or, placing donations in the offering plate. You can also give online by Control-clicking on the "Give Now" button located on the main COF webpage or Facebook page. When donating online, choose the "Other" giving category, and indicate which of the cause(s) you've selected, or all of them, in a note.

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### **Supporting the Work of the Presbytery and the Denomination with Per Capita**

Per Capita is a fundamental way in which all of us, as members of the nearly 10,000 congregations and mid councils of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) connect, participate, and share in the work of the wider church. Per capita is the primary source of funding for the Presbytery, as well as the Synod and General Assembly, and is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future. It is how Presbyterians are trained to become better ruling elders, teaching elders and deacons, and ministers. It is how Presbyterians are helped to discern God's call in their lives. It has supported our ministries at COF through grants to CLASP and for equipment purchases for our virtual church services. Please prayerfully consider donating the \$33 per capital apportionment set by the Presbytery, for each church member.