



Announcements and Schedule

29 November 2020 First Sunday of Advent

May God who gathers us around Himself in the Word and Sacrament to bless us with His forgiveness this morning be your source of comfort, strength and renewal as you worship today. In the Name of Christ, we are all called to come and hear that the Lord is Good!

Prelude – *Preparing our Souls through silence, reading and reflection*

Announcements and Prayer Concerns– *Sharing our life together*

Congregational Prayer

Invocation and Confession – *Entering into the Presence of the Lord*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
(Matthew 28:19) **C: Amen**

P: Make us to know your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for whom we wait. (Psalm 25:4-5) **C: Amen**

P: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:6-7)

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

C: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen (Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12)

P: Let it be known to you, that through Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. (1 John 1:6-7) He commanded us to preach and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:42-43) **C: Amen**

Prelude

“Star Medley”

Studies this Week:

Sunday Morning Worship Service – 10:00am

Wednesday – 7:00pm – Men's Group – 314 Powtan Dr.

To honor social distancing we are not passing the offering plates. During the Offertory, you are invited to bring your offerings either to the plate at the Altar or the one on the rear table in the Sanctuary. Also, we are using the small cups for Communion so please make sure you pick one up from the table in the Narthex. Thank you.

Today is the First Sunday of Advent. We have special Advent Devotionals for each family and Advent Calendars. We will be lighting the Advent Wreath in Morning Service with a special reading. Please prepare your hearts and plan to attend our Advent Services.

Robert Wright's father's Service is 3:00pm today at Temple Baptist Church in Madison Heights.

Our Annual Congregational Business Meeting will be December 6th immediately following the Worship Service. There are copies of the proposed 2021 Budget on the table in the Narthex. Please plan to attend.

Our Christmas Party will be Monday evening, December 14th beginning at 6:00pm. We will safely meet in the private backroom at Charley's Restaurant (707 Graves Mill Rd). There will be finger food and also you can order off the menu if you would like a full meal (Dutch treat). There will also be a visit from a special visitor from the North Pole!

If you would like to participate in our Worship Service through reading the Scripture, please contact Jen Reynolds, and, if you would like to receive the upcoming Lections emailed each Monday.

Lector this week – Judy Kinzer

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Lighting of the First Advent Candle w/ OT Lesson -The Shepley's

Call to Worship – Psalm 80.1-7

*Hymn – “Come, O Long-expected Jesus”

First Lesson – I Corinthians 1.3-9

Call to Prayer Hymn – “All Earth is Waiting”

Pastoral Prayer (followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison)

Offertory (Please place your offering in one of the plates)

*Doxology – #95

*Gospel – Mark 13.24-37

Our response is, “**Praise be to thee, O Christ**”

Sermon - “Waiting for the True God”

*Apostles' Creed

Communion

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.

The Unending Hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the Highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the Highest.

The Mystery of Faith:

Christ has died; Christ is Risen; Christ will come again.

Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ Individually

*Hymn – “People, Look East”

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Dismissal and Recessional

Prayer List

Tom Langford, Bill Warman, Carolyn Ashwell, Juniper Noyes, June Sommers, John Wright, Liz Griffin, Harry Burns, Larry & Lorraine Shepley, Betty Mann, Katie Epley, Dawn Tropp, Eddie Jones, Yvette Clark, Kristy Duke, Dot Flanik, David Kinzer, David Lindsay, Bob Carson, Darby Atkins and persecuted Christians around the world.

Let us pray for all our elected Officials and our Country.

The family of Robert Wright in the passing of his father

The family of Paul Royer

Lorraine Shepley under Hospice Care

Pat Wheeler

Andy and Ann Behnke, both recovering from recent procedures

Jean McCormick recovering from hip surgery

Malcolm Ayers, prostate surgery recovery

Bea Gardner, upcoming knee surgery, Dec 7th

Sherry Bryant, shoulder issues

Ann Kreft, had a fall and is recovering

Marc Price and Pat Karnes, family and friend of Carol Bryant

Andrea McDaniel, Carey's Aunt, Darby's sister-in-law, cancer

Nancy Turner, friend of Martha Mahanes

Camden Clark, Yvette's grandson, and Rose Marliot, her sister

Joan Smith, cancer, and her family, family of Tom and Mary Gough

Christie Smith, family of Bea Gardner, recovering from surgery

Ivan Stiles, Michelle Minor's dad, recovering from hip surgery

Glenn Pritchett, cancer treatment, friends of Pr. Tom and Sherry

Shane Miller, Patty's son, Gwen's dad,

Colin Griffin, Web and Carey's nephew

Remington Richmond, Pat Wheeler's great nephew

Lonnie Lee Godfrey

Dr. Jim and Sue Henry, Mona's parents

Melody Henry, Mona's sister a nurse and all health care givers

Joan Worley, friend of the Mahanes, cancer

Maria Coates, Sue Rossiter's sister

Kenneth Dickerson, husband of a friend of Jen's, has lung cancer

Gail Everett's sister, Lynn Ruppe, cancer treatment

Frankie Townsend, Web's sister-in-law, Web's best friends' mom,

Cassidy Richardson, 14-year-old daughter of a friend of Carey's,

Betty and Harold Shepherd, friends of Martha Mahanes

Dot Flanik's children Kim Blaum & Erik Blaum, PTSD

Requested by Glenn and Ruth Harvey Sharron Powell, stage 4 cancer,

Lisa Reynolds

Requested by Agnes Lowry-Campbell, Bonnie Addair, Leslie H. Hair

Barbara Brown, Nancy Coursey, Barbara Hackett, Diane Hallauer