



**First Presbyterian Church  
November 27, 2022**

# *First Sunday of Advent*

9:30 am

November 27, 2022

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## **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

Congregational readings are in **bold** type.

+ indicates all are invited to stand.

Ringling of the Bell

*John Frank*

Prelude

“’Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”

Anna Krentz Organ

Bell Quartet & piano

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Welcome & Announcements

Remembering our Baptism and Passing of the Peace

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Introit

“We Wait for You”

WACHTEN

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+ Call to Worship

Peace

*Jose Lopez*

Prince of Peace and Perpetual Parent, here we are,  
**preparing for you to come into our lives.**

Ease our minds of worry;

**expectations are so high for a little child,**

**and yet we want to believe you are everything we need.**

After all the violence and storms of this season and this year, we seek your peace,  
**and we promise to notice when it comes.**

Cover us with your warmth,  
**carry our burdens when they are too much, care for us when we feel alone.**

**Everything will be well when you come, Baby Jesus, so please come soon.**

*Peace in sign language and lighting of Advent candle*

+ Hymn 84

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

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Prayer of Confession

**Jehovah Shalom, we admit we are not a patient people. Waiting can be difficult and wearying. But you call us to wait, and in the waiting, you provide peace that passes our understanding. Help us in our impatience. Allow us to see the wonder of waiting all around us as we wait for a seed to sprout, a flower to blossom, a child to be born. As we wait, remind us to pause and breathe for in that breath we inhale your breath of creation, your breath of peace. And as your peace settles over us, may we exhale that peace out to others. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Beloved, God is with us

**We know that the One who created the universe,  
who continues to create through us and with us,  
is the One who waits with us in peace.**

Response Hymn 384

“Soon and Very Soon”

SOON AND VERY SOON

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*Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.  
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.  
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re going to see the King!*

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

Time with Children

*(Children under 5 may go to the nursery. Older children please remain in the Sanctuary.)*

Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

Anthem

“The Word Was God”

Rosephanye Powell

Pam Bolton, *soprano*; Jenny Heichelbech, *alto*;

Felipe Martinez, *tenor*; Doug Sprunger, *bass*

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+ Gospel Reading

Matthew 24:32-44

Sermon

“We Wait and Anticipate” *Rev. Dr. Felipe Martinez*

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

+ Hymn 88

“O Come O Come Emmanuel”

VENI EMMANUEL

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Offertory:

“The Word Was God”

Rosephanye Powell

Pam Bolton, *soprano*; Jenny Heichelbech, *alto*;

Felipe Martinez, *tenor*; Doug Sprunger, *bass*

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+Doxology 609 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Christ, all creatures high and low, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Praise God in Jesus fully known:*

*Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia! (5x)*

+ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the people

### GOING IN GOD'S NAME

+ Hymn 378

“We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom”

MERLE'S TUNE

Verses 1, 2, 4

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”

Robert L Schmidt

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Our congregation is celebrating Pastor Felipe's 30th anniversary of his ordination on Sunday, November 27. There will be a big congratulatory card and markers for everyone to sign in the gym and we will have his favorite donuts from Donut Central along with coffee. We hope you can join us for his special anniversary celebration immediately following the worship service!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome** to worship! We are glad you are here and we are worshipping together. Please ask ushers for information about our nursery, large-print bulletins, hearing -aid assists, or current newsletters.

We strive toward the use of **inclusive language** in our church as it pertains to people and to God.

**Restrooms** are located in the Loggia/Franklin St. glass door entrance, Laws Room across from the kitchen (all-gender, handicap-accessible restroom), and the balcony of the Laws Room.

**THANK YOU** to our Lay Liturgist, Jose Lopez.

Bell quartet: Terri Glackin, Jenny Heichelbech, Debbie George, Nancy Edwards  
Vocal quartet: Pam Bolton, Jenny Heichelbech, Felipe Martinez, Doug Sprunger

### HEART TREE 2022

**"I was naked, and you gave me clothing...." Matthew 25:36**

The Youth Group is organizing our Heart Tree. As we study Matthew 25 in Youth Group, we're learning that the reasons some people don't have the things we all need are complicated. We can't solve them all right away. What we can do now is to help our neighbors, our Hot Meals guests, to stay warm this winter.

The Heart Tree is up. Please stop in the Laws Room, take a heart, and purchase some *really warm* socks, gloves, or hats. Bring them back to church, unwrapped, and leave them under the tree by Sunday December 4. Our youth group will wrap the gifts. We are hoping to have a grant approved that will allow us to include a gift card for a meal or two. When we help serve Hot Meals in December, we will surprise our guests with some warmth for the coming winter.

**Special Presentation for Adult Fellowship and Education**

**Advent Sunday's led by Sandy Thomas**

**November 27, December 4, 11, and 18 after worship**

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/214025301>

Join us in the Laws Room and on zoom after worship (around 10:30 am) to participate in a special Advent series on Peace, Hope, Love and Joy.

"Advent is a season of waiting and watching for God to come near: keeping awake, staying alert, and paying attention. For Mary Oliver, poetry is a beautiful way to sharpen our senses, helping us notice what we might otherwise miss.

In this Advent devotional, biblical texts and accessible practices interact with Oliver's poems to create a four-week journey to Christmas morning. All you'll need is your favorite Bible and Oliver's classic collection, "Devotions" (all the poems referenced in the devotional can also be found online). Week by week, we'll walk through the woods and along the seashore, with Mary Oliver as our guide."

## PLEDGE CAMPAIGN & UPDATE ~

Nov 25, 2022

The Stewardship Campaign for 2023 kicked off with a **Pledge & Gift Goal of \$614,550**, representing a 4% increase over 2022. As of Monday, Nov 21<sup>st</sup>, we have received **71 pledge cards** (units) totaling **\$416,799**. This puts us at **68% of GOAL!**

**THANK YOU** for your generosity and faithfulness. However, there are still more

pledges to gather. Our church programs continue to grow, our work continues in the community and our callings continue to direct our ministries. Everyone is invited to pledge. Every pledge is valued - no matter the size, no matter the amount. You may pledge by mail, email, or by calling the church office and speaking with Christy Jerman, Financial Administrator (812) 372-3783 ([christyj@fpccolumbus.org](mailto:christyj@fpccolumbus.org)). **REMINDER:** If you are planning to **pre-pay** next year's pledge **PRIOR** to end of this year, please let Christy know. Simply send her a note or email with your intention. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you!

Gratefully, Jayne Farber, Church Treasurer (317) 439-9094  
([jayne.farber@gmail.com](mailto:jayne.farber@gmail.com)).





## **Sunday's Schedule for Children and Youth**

### **Pre-K and Younger:**

9:15-11:30am The Nursery is open all morning for our youngest in the family. Parents are welcome to drop off kids beginning at 9:15am every Sunday, or to keep them with you during worship.

### **Children (Kindergarten-6<sup>th</sup> Grade):**

9:30am Worship in the Sanctuary with family and friends. Worship Bags with activities and toys are located by the coat racks in the back of the church.  
10:30-11:30 All ages- Advent Workshop in the Gym!

### **Youth (Grade 7-12):**

9:30am Worship in the Sanctuary with family and friends.  
10:30 Advent Workshop in the Gym

All ages will enjoy the advent workshop! Stop by the Gym at 10:30 after the worship service for Advent fun!

## THE MISSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

To be an active, growing, inclusive and caring church family that witnesses to God's love and shares the good news of Jesus Christ. Our mission leads us to invite all people to participate fully in our community and worship life as safe, loved, and accepted children of God, including:

- Conventional Christians and questioning skeptics
- Children and adults of all ages
- People of all sexual orientations, gender identities
- People of all races, & cultures
- People of all socioeconomic situations
- People of all mental and physical abilities
- Those who bring hope to the world and those who seek hope



**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** - The Worship Committee will include poinsettias as part of the Christmas decorations in our sanctuary. Please consider ordering in memory or honor of family members or friends. A list of donors and the people they are honoring will appear in the bulletins on **December 11th, 18th, 24th & 25th**. Our ordering deadline is **December 5**, and the cost is \$20. Thank you for helping to make Advent and Christmas special in our worship services.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA COUPON IN MEMORY/HONOR of**  
(Circle One)

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Day phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I will donate \_\_\_ poinsettia(s) @ \$20.00; make check payable to First Presbyterian Church with poinsettia on the memo line and attach to coupon.

\_\_\_ I wish to keep my plant(s) and can take after the December 24th or 25th services.

\_\_\_ I wish for my plant(s) to be delivered to the senior members of the church who are unable to attend Christmas services.

\_\_\_ I will help deliver plants to the homebound. Please contact me.

***ORDER DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 5, 2022***

***Please return this form to the ushers on Sunday morning, or by email to Brook at brookb@fpccolumbus.org, or by mailing it to the church.***

***Our address is  
512 7th Street, Columbus, IN 47201***

Check us out on the web at [www.fpccolumbus.org](http://www.fpccolumbus.org) Join our Facebook groups by going to “First Presbyterian Church Columbus Indiana” and “First Pres Columbus Prayer Page” (click on the button that says “Join group”).



You can now find us on Instagram at [first.pres.columbus.in](https://www.instagram.com/first.pres.columbus.in)  
Church WiFi: FPCC\_Guest, Password Guest123

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## Ministers: The congregation of First Presbyterian Church

### Staff:

**Felipe Martinez**, Pastor and Head of Staff's email is [felipem@fpccolumbus.org](mailto:felipem@fpccolumbus.org). His extension is 223.

**April Hemmerlein**, FPC Preschool Director's email is [aprilh@fpccolumbus.org](mailto:aprilh@fpccolumbus.org).

**Dianne Sprunger**, Organist can be reached at ext. 225 or via email at [diannes@fpccolumbus.org](mailto:diannes@fpccolumbus.org).

**Jenny Heichelbech**, Choir Director can be reached at ext. 225 or via email at [jennyh@fpccolumbus.org](mailto:jennyh@fpccolumbus.org).

**Brook Brown**, Church Administrative Assistant, will be in the office Monday, and Wednesday thru Friday, from 9 am until 5 pm. Tuesday, she will be in the office from 9 am until 3 pm. Phone extension is 221 and email is [brookb@fpccolumbus.org](mailto:brookb@fpccolumbus.org).

**Christy Jerman**, Financial Administrative Assistant, can be reached at ext. 222 or via email at [christyj@fpccolumbus.org](mailto:christyj@fpccolumbus.org). Her office hours will be on Monday and Wednesday from 9 am until noon.

**OFFICE HOURS** are Monday & Wednesday - Friday **9:00 am - 5 pm** and Tuesday **9:00 am - 3 pm**, with the office closed from noon until 1 pm for lunch.

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