

Jesus loves the little children and so do we!
So, whether they are bumping, shuffling, whispering, or giggling,
they are welcome in worship!
And we also adore service dogs rattles and sighs.

Got Children?

Nursery for ages 0 through K2 is open during worship and SS! (Room 119)
Nursery is available for children K3 – K5 as marked in the bulletin. (Room 120)
Also, K3 – 5th grade, join us weekly for:

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| Sundays@10 in the children's area (basement) | SHinE (Seeking Him in Everything) Wednesdays from 5:15 – 7:00 |
| Bible lesson and one of the following: theatre, art, drama, and wonder activities. | Dinner, Bible, Music, and Recreation. We'll start on the playground if it's not too chilly. If it is too chilly, we'll start in the church lobby. |

Check your Spire for lessons and schedules.

You don't get the Spire? No worries!

We have extra copies in the lobby or we can add you to the list!

Contact Lea at office@firstgreenwood.com

Grown-ups –

| FISH (205) (Fellowship In Service to Him) | Sojourners (110) | Breathe (church lobby) |
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| Comprised of single and married people, who have little children, big children, and no children, we enjoy fellowshiping over our Keurig drinks-of-choice. We enjoy discussing our Bible studies, encouraging and sharing with each other, serving others, and socializing. Come join us! | Studying a wide variety of topics including Bible studies and theological topics as well as studies of topics of spiritual disciplines like prayer, we welcome visitors. Our class is located in room 110 (the Henry Reynolds room) across the hall from the church library. | An opportunity for the frantic, overwhelmed, restless, or anyone who just wants an opportunity to slow down, have coffee, fellowship with similar folks, and just breathe. Come try it out and get to know some different folks. |

Mark your calendar for Birthday Party for Jesus

December 18th at 10:00 A. M.

Alexander Hall

Breakfast provided as well as music and activities.

YOUTH ZONE

Have you checked out our fundraising station in the hallway yet?

Stop by to put in an order for cookies, t-shirts, or sign up for family portraits!

All proceeds will benefit youth trips next summer.

POINSETTIAS

Order forms are available in the church lobby.

Cost is \$19 each. Deadline to order is December 5th.

Please leave order form and payment in the offering plate or in the front office.

You can also contact the front office (office@firstgreenwood.com or 229-5814)

and Lea can fill out a form for you and you can pay online.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Advent Dinner & Christmas at First Pres. -- December 18, 2022

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| <p>Sunday, November 27 9:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanc) 10:00 a.m. - Sunday School 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanc) 4:30 p.m. - Chancel Bells 6:30 p.m. - Youth (Collins)</p> <p>Monday, November 28 10:00 a.m. - Presbyterian Women (HR) 4:00 p.m. - Shalom Bible Study (FISH) 4:30 p.m. - PGS (Sanc) 4:30 p.m. - Committed Prayers (BR) 6:00 p.m. - Cotillion (AH) 6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR) 6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts (Basement) 6:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts (YR)</p> <p>Tuesday, November 29 9:15 a.m. - Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. - Cotillion (AH) 7:00 p.m. - Chorale (Sanc)</p> <p>Wednesday, November 30 7:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study (AH) 5:15 p.m. - SHinE Chimes 5:30 p.m. - WNF (AH) 6:00 p.m. - SHinE (Basement) 6:00 p.m. - Youth (YR) 6:00 p.m. - Small Groups (AH/FISH/ Conf. Rm) 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir</p> <p>Thursday, December 1 10:00 a.m. - Emerald Bells</p> <p>Friday, December 2</p> <p>Saturday, December 3 9-2:00 p.m. - Bell Ringing (Hobby Lobby)</p> |
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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joel Ives and Emma Cothran Townsend through the generosity of their son, Dr. Joel Ives Townsend.

Congratulations to Phyllis Zuehlke on the birth of her great-grandsons, Michael and Emmett Lodes born November 21, 2022. Parents are Kristopher & Krista Lodes of Ann Arbor, MI.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP
DECEMBER 7TH**

5:30 dinner (RSVP today with the yellow pew card or the list on the desk in the front lobby)

Menu:

6:00 Programming

In AH, come hear Andrew Goforth talk about Pearl Harbor & FPC

Don't forget your 2022 **Advent Devotional!!!**

Available in the lobby.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

"Life is a Puzzle"

January 27-29, 2023

Brochures can be found in the front lobby.

ANGEL TREE

Our tree will be available to you on Sunday, November 20. Gifts will be received at the church until Sunday, December 11. **PLEASE DO NOT WRAP YOUR GIFTS AND RETURN THE ANGEL TAG WITH THE GIFT.**

ON SALE IN THE LOBBY

Today, the Presbyterian Women will sell items from Pakistan that Samar Din left with us. Items will include purses, totes, lovely shawls and candles.

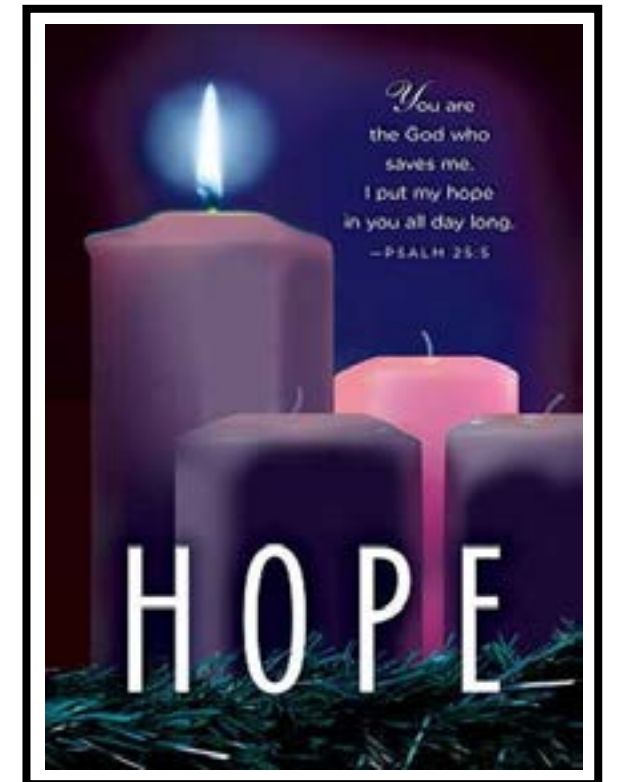
Proceeds will be given to flood relief in Pakistan.

TIME & TALENTS

We kindly ask that you complete the Time & Talents sheet that you received in the mail and return it to the front office. It is also available in the November and December Spires and in the front lobby.

Presbyterian Women will be accepting donations for The Presbyterian Community in Clinton. Check the November Spire for a list of items. **You are asked to have your gifts at the church on or before noon on November 30th. Please leave your donation UNWRAPPED.** There is a box in the front lobby for you to drop off your gifts.

**First Sunday of Advent
Hanging of the Greens
November 27, 2022
11:00 am**



Senior Pastor -- The Rev. Dr. Kyle D. Hite
Director of Christian Education -- Elise Collins
Director of Music Ministries -- Steve Skinner
Associate Pastor -- The Rev. Gordon Tubbs
Parish Associate -- The Rev. Dr. Brad Christie
Music Associate/Organist -- Tim Walters
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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND GREETING

Rev. Hite

Leader: O praise the Lord with me,
People: **let us exalt God’s name together.**

Ps. 34:3

(Please sign and pass the Member/Guest Registry. If you are a guest, your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address will be most helpful.)

PRELUDE “Messiah: For Behold, Darkness Shall Cover the Earth” Handel

David Holmes, Bass

Dreadful, dark, hopeless? Watch for the word “but” that changes everything!

ADORATION

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

David, Becky,

Michael (Class of 2023), and Shirley Gardner

In the Old Testament, Isaiah warned the people of Israel that their choices would have consequences. Sadly, the consequences were captivity and exile. But even though God dispenses justice, he always offers mercy as well. Isaiah prophesied in chapter 9 verses 2 and 6:

*The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.
For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government
will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

We light the purple candle of **hope**.

Prayer: **Lord God, we make choices every day that have consequences – some good, some not. Thank you that we never have to lose hope in you. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN ** #82** “Come, Thou Long- Expected Jesus” HYFRYDOL

HANGING OF THE GREENS

(Please remain seated during the Hanging of the Greens service.)

Sanctuary Wreaths and Poinsettias, Wreaths on Pews

Chancel Poinsettias

Phyllis Lott, Betty Williams, Patti Gagstetter, Martha Ann Davis, Keith Rodgers, Gigi Smith, Carson Penney, Lynn Hemphill, Anna Welborn, Cheryl Blackwell, Emma Collins, Marla Dixon, Rebecca Wise, Marilyn Towne, Penny Cannon, Amanda Hamm, Erika Jo Buchanan, Lily Collins, Laura Margaret Fennell, Charlie Fennell, Adam Fennell, Shirley Gardner, Lauren Griggs, Liza Evans Justesen, Annabelle McClendon, Cooper Hammett, Josh Lott, Craig Gagstetter, Tommy Davis, Jimmie Rodgers, John Welborn, Luke Penney, Charlie Blackwell, Brian Hamm, Bill Dixon, Frank Cannon, Steve & Sally Anderson, The Rouse Family, The Jenks Family, The Stevens Family, The Clark Family, Elaine Grimes

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Christie

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LORD of Heaven and Earth,
**As we begin our journey west to meet the Christ child,
we ask your forgiveness over the signs of your presence
that you have shown and that we have missed.
Renew a right spirit in us, O God,
so that we may be pure and holy
as we greet the Messiah with all our heart,
with all our mind, and with all our strength.
May we be as ready to serve your Son
as He is mighty to save us.
Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends in Christ, we are forgiven.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Alessandra Carolina Umphress

*Aly is the granddaughter of Carol Umphress
and the daughter of PT and Cynthia Umphress.*

***BAPTISM RESPONSE #583** “Gloria, gloria”
(Latin text: Glory to God in the Highest)

K3-K5 children may go to extended session in Room 120

GIVING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

Call to Offering

Rev. Christie

Offertory

“An Advent Acclamation”

Stacy Nordmeyer

***Advent Doxology (On Screens)**

REGENT SQUARE

***Prayer of Dedication**

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 24:36-44

Rev. Christie

Reader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Advent-ure”

Rev. Hite

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Christie

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN #134**

“Joy to the World”

ANTIOCH

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Hite

Minister:

May the Lord be with you.

People:

And also with you.

POSTLUDE

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

Christopher Tambling

Text: Hymn #96

AIDS FOR WORSHIP - Large print hymnals and wireless hearing devices are available in the narthex.

*Congregation stands

**Late comers may be seated