

# Welcome!

We are so thankful that you've joined us for worship today!

Should you choose to not hold a bulletin, you may follow the service on your smart phone or tablet by visiting our website, [fpccorinth.org](http://fpccorinth.org), and clicking on the link for the bulletin.

The following services are provided to make your worship with us as meaningful and comfortable as possible.

♦ A Nursery is provided for infants and toddlers through age 3, during Sunday School and the Worship Service. The nursery and toddler classrooms are located in the Education Wing by the playground.

♦ Children's Church is for children ages 4 years - 5th grade. They have their very own Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall, located in the back of the campus on the northeast corner. It will be noted in the bulletin any Sunday we will not be having Children's Church.

♦ A wheelchair (access next to east entrance) and an oxygen tank are located in the large closet just off the narthex entrance and are available for anyone who has a need. Ushers will assist you.

A welcome/prayer card is available in each pew. We welcome your prayer requests, as these are brought before our Lord during our prayer time each Sunday, after the Worship Service, in our Chapel. You may use the card to tell us about yourself and to invite our Pastor, Waring Porter, to call you or pay you a visit.

We invite you to prayerfully consider making FPC your church home.

First Presbyterian Church is an Evangelical Presbyterian Church ([epc.org](http://epc.org)).

## Coming up @ FPC

November 27	First Sunday of Advent
December 4	Gingerbread House Making Party 4 p.m.
December 6 & 7	Last KidsQuest of the year
December 7	Youth Progressive Dinner
December 8	Lighthouse Toy Store
December 8	Living Free Freedom Center Anniversary Dinner
December 11	Election of Church Officers
December 12-15	Joy Riders - Biltmore Mansion Trip
December 14	Last Youth Meeting of 2022
December 18	Youth Silent Auction Bake Sale
December 19-Jan 2	Corinth Schools Christmas Break
December 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service 4:30 p.m.
December 25	Christmas Day - Sanctuary Choir Cantata "Night of the Father's Love"
December 26-30	Church Office Closed
January 15	Communion
January 22	Prayer Angel Sunday

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## The Flowers

The beautiful flowers  
adorning the Sanctuary this morning  
are given in loving memory of our parents,  
Annice & Adolph Brawner,

by

Brad & Judy, David & Geri, and Johnny & Louanne.

## Those Who Serve Today

Assisting Elder:	John Shipp
Acolytes:	Kohen Roach & Bracken Shipp
Ushers:	Ken Williams, Ben Long, Alan Smith, Joshua Bryant, Ben Erwin
Circle of Prayer:	Alberto Albarracin & Dave Shanklin
Nursery & Toddler Volunteers:	Jennifer Sexton & Jennifer Shipp
Tech Crew:	John Frame, Russell Smith, Holland Yeates, Nate Alexander

## The FPC Week

Sunday	9:00 A.M. Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 9:30 A.M. Sunday School 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
Monday	7:00 A.M. 9th grade Girls @ YH
M-W-F	9:00 A.M. Ladies Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:00 A.M. Men's Bible Study @ YouthHouse 7:00 A.M. 5th & 6th gr. Father & Son Bible Study @KH 5th & 6th gr. Girls Bible Study @ KH 7:00 A.M. 10th grade boys Bible Study @ YH (upstairs) 12th grade boys Bible Study @ YH 7th grade boys Bible Study @ Gregg's Office 7th grade girls Bible Study @ Fellowship Hall
Tues & Thur	9:00 A.M. FPC Day School
Wednesday	5:30 A.M. Men's Prayer & Bible Study @ YH 7:00 A.M. 10-12th grade girls Bible Study @ YH 5:30 - 6:30 P.M. Jr. High @ YH 6:30 - 8 P.M. Sr. High @ YH 7:00 P.M. Choir Practice
Thursday	7:00 A.M. 8th grade girls Bible Study @ YH 8th grade boys Bible Study @ YH 1:00 P.M. Knit for Kids
*Friday	7:00 A.M. 9th grade boys Bible Study @ YH * Church Office is closed on Fridays

## FPC Staff

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## LITURGY FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

### ***PRAISE THE GOD OF GLORY***

#### **The Piano Prelude**

**Call to Meditation:** Isaiah 9:2

*“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.”*

#### **The Prelude**

#### **The Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Chris, Tanea, Madison & Christopher Bidstrup

*“Glorify Thy Name”*

**The Choral Introit:**

*\*(please stand)*

\* **Call to Worship:** based on Psalm 130:5-7

**Leader:** I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his Word I hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.

**Congregation:** *There is no darkness with you, O Lord.*

**Leader:** O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plenteous redemption.

**Congregation:** *There is no darkness with you, O Lord.*

**Leader:** Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation:** *There is no darkness with you, O Lord.*

\* **The Hymn:** *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”* No. 124

\* **Responsive Reading:** taken from Isaiah 65

**Leader:** For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth,

**All:** *and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.*

**Leader:** But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create;

**All:** *for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.*

**Leader:** I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people;

**All:** *no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.*

**Leader:** No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days,

**All:** *or an old man who does not fill out his days,*

**Leader:** The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent’s food.

**All:** *They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,” says the Lord.*

\* **Congregational Response:** *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”* (vv.1,2) No. 123

\* **Profession of Faith:** The Apostles’ Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic\* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

(\*that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places)

\* **Prayer of Invocation & The Lord’s Prayer**

### ***PRAISE THE GOD OF GRACE***

#### **Call to Confession**

#### **Corporate Prayer of Confession:**

*Merciful God, always with us, always coming: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming.*

(excerpted from The Worship Sourcebook)

#### ***Silent Confession***

**Assurance of Divine Pardon:** Isaiah 40:1-2

“Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

Your sins are pardoned. Your penalty is paid.”

#### **Sacrament of Infant Baptism:**

Annie Elizabeth Sawyer

\***Song of Blessing:** *“Jesus Loves You”*

*Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so;*

*Little ones to Him belong, you are weak but He is strong.*

*Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!*

*Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.*

#### **Greetings & Announcements**

#### **The Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

**The Offertory Anthem:** *“Will We Know Him?”*

*Are we ready for the Babe of Bethlehem to be born in a lowly stall?*

*Are we ready to greet the tiny little king who will come to save us all?*

*Are we ready for the star of Bethlehem to appear in the winter sky?*

*Are we ready to follow anywhere it leads, and let its light fill all our lives?*

*Prepare ye the way for the King of Glory,*

*Once again proclaim the wondrous story.*

*God will send His own true Son, but will we know Him when He comes?*

*Are we ready for the song of Bethlehem to declare our Savior's birth?*

*Are we ready to join the angels as they sing,*

*And spread their news to all on earth?*

*Prepare ye the way for the King of Glory,*

*Once again proclaim the wondrous story.*

*God will send His own true Son, but will we know Him when He comes?*

*Are we ready for the Babe of Bethlehem, God's true and promised Son?*

*Are ready to greet the tiny little King and will we know Him when He comes?*

*Will we know Him when He comes?* - Don Besig & Nancy Price

\* **The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

### ***PRAISE THE GOD OF TRUTH***

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 2:1-12

**Scripture Response:** 2 Timothy 3:16,17

**Leader:** This is the Word of God.

**All:** *“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching,*

*for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of*

*God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”*

**Sermon:** “The Journey of Advent”

#### **Prayer of Commitment**

\***Hymn:** *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”* (vv. 3,4) No. 123

\***Benediction**

\***Choral Benediction:** *“An Old Irish Blessing”*

\***Postlude** Malechi Doren

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## The Advent Wreath

Advent is (roughly) Latin for “coming” and is the season of the Liturgical Year that begins four Sundays before Christmas. Advent celebrates the mystery of God’s incarnation in the person of Jesus Christ when, in the words of John’s Gospel “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14) Advent is a season of preparation, waiting and anticipation, in which we prepare our hearts for the coming of God to us, not only in his Nativity, but also in his Second Advent. A deliberate tension must be built into our practice of the Advent season. Christ has come but not all things have reached completion. While we remember Israel’s waiting and hoping, we also give thanks for Christ’s birth. The Scriptures tell us that Christ will return to create a new heaven and earth and to finish God’s work of redeeming creation. For this reason, Advent began as a penitential season, a time for discipline and intentional repentance in the confident expectation and hope of Christ’s coming again. In the gospel Jesus is called “the Light of the World” and thus we light a new candle on the Advent Wreath each Sunday in commemoration of the light of Christ. Each week there will be a scripture passage we will read and meditate upon in order to remind us of the fulfillment of God’s long awaited promise to send a Redeemer to free us from our sins and save us.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GOOD MORNING!** We’re so glad you are worshiping with us today! Please let us know you were here by signing the attendance pad located in each pew.

**WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM** today as Scott & Rebecca Sawyer present their daughter, Annie Elizabeth Sawyer, for baptism.

**A REMINDER THAT WE NEED YOUR EVERY MEMBER CANVASS** booklets and tithe cards to be turned in to the church office. You may deposit them in our mail slot located at the east entrance by the church office, come inside the church office, put it in the offering plate, or mail them to: 919 East Shiloh Rd., Corinth, MS, 38834. Please put your tithe card in an envelope to ensure your privacy.

**IT’S ALMOST TIME TO BUILD A GINGERBREAD HOUSE!!!** Our annual Family Gingerbread House Decorating Party will be Sunday, December 4, 4-6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Parents, grandparents and of course the kiddos are all invited. Everything will be provided, as well as refreshments. [Please use the insert to sign up your family.](#)

**POINSETTIA! YES, IT’S THAT TIME!** We will be ordering ONLY 50 poinsettia this year to decorate the front of the sanctuary for our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Service. [Please use the insert to order and dedicate.](#) They will be \$20 each. You may take them home after the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Service.

**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT CHURCH OFFICERS** will be held Sunday, December 11, after the Worship Service.