

## 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 west entrance (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 Circle of 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.

### The FPC Calendar

November 28	First Sunday in Advent
December 1	Let's talk about Discipleship 4:30 p.m.
December 5	Second Sunday in Advent
December 9	Lighthouse Toy Store
December 10-11	Christmas Alive!
December 12	Third Sunday in Advent
December 12	Congregational Meeting after Worship
December 12	Surviving the Holidays - GriefShare 2 p.m.
December 18	Let's talk about Discipleship 4:30 p.m.
December 19	Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 19	FPC Sanctuary Choir Christmas Cantata
December 19	Family Gingerbread House Decorating Party
December 20-Jan 3	Corinth Schools Christmas Break
December 23-31	Church Office Closed
December 24	Candlelight Communion Service
December 25	Christmas Day
January 11	KidsQuest Resumes

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## The Flowers

The beautiful flowers  
adorning the Sanctuary today  
are given by Mr. & Mrs. John Stanley.

### Those Who Serve Today

Assisting Elder:	Randy Long
Ushers:	Andy Butler, Landon Caldwell, John James, Peter Fisher, and Drew Porter
Circle of Prayer:	Alberto Albarracin, Dave Shanklin, and Janet Orman
Tech Crew:	John Frame, Russell Smith, Brett Grantham, Holland Yeates, Nate Alexander, Alan Smith

### The FPC Week

Sunday	9:30 A.M. Sunday School 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship 2:00 P.M. GriefShare @ the KidsHouse
Monday	7:00 A.M. 8th Gr. Girls Bible Study @ YH
M-W-F	9:00 A.M. Ladies Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	7:00 A.M. Men's Bible Study (Parlor next to Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday	7:00 A.M. 9th Gr. Boys Bible Study @YH 7:00 A.M. 11/12 Gr. Boys Bible Study @ YH 7:00 A.M. 5th & 6th Gr. Dads & Sons Bible Study @ KH 7:00 A.M. 5th & 6th Gr. Girls "Grit & Grace" Bible Study @ KH
Tues & Thur	9:00 A.M. FPC Day School
Wednesday	5:30 A.M. Men's Prayer & Bible Study @ the YouthHouse 7:00 A.M. 9th Gr. Girls @ YH 5:30 P.M. Jr. High @ YH 6:30 P.M. Sr. High @ YH 7:00 P.M. Choir Practice
Thursday	7:00 A.M. 7th Gr. Boys @ YH 7:00 A.M. 7th Gr. Girls @ YH
Friday	7:00 A.M. 8th Gr. Boys @ YH 10-12th Gr. Girls @ YH

### FPC Staff

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# First Presbyterian Church



## FIRST SUNDAY

OF

# Advent

## LITURGY FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 28, 2021

First Sunday in Advent

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

#### **The Piano Prelude**

Jill Taylor

#### **Call to Meditation:** John 1:14

“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.”

#### **The Prelude**

#### **The Lighting of the Advent Candle:** Isaiah 9:2-6

Christian, Katty, Christian, Pierce, and Clay Albarracin

#### **The Choral Introit:** “Blessed Assurance”

\*(please stand)

#### **\*Call to Worship:** based on Philippians 4:4-5

**Leader:** Rejoice in the Lord always.

**All:** *I will say it again: Rejoice!*

**Leader:** Let your gentleness be evident to all.

**All:** *The Lord is near.*

**Leader:** We rejoice in the hope of Christ’s coming.

**All:** *Let us worship God!*

#### **\*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:**

*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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.*

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

#### **Call to Confession:** Isaiah 1:18

““Come now, let us reason together,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.””

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

*O promised Christ: We are a world at war. Our peace depends on your coming. We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on your coming. We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises; our only hope of doing God’s will is that you should come and help us do it. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. **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**

Robert Adkins James, son of John & Virginia Boyd James

#### **\*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 & 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:** Luke 12: 35-40

<sup>35</sup> “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup> and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those servant whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! <sup>39</sup> But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

#### **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:** ADVENT WAITING: Active Waiting

#### **Prayer of Commitment**

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

#### **\*The Benediction**

#### **\*The Choral Benediction:** “Three-fold Amen”

#### **\*The Postlude**

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Nancy Hebert

## 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

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH** is being held in the Fellowship Hall for children ages 4 years - 5th grade.

**CONSTRUCTION AND PAINTING OF THE CHRISTMAS ALIVE! SETS** will be Sunday, December 5th at 2:00 p.m. We have paintbrushes and paint. Men! please bring your tools. Thank you!

**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.

**POINSETTIA! YES, IT’S THAT TIME!** We will be ordering 50 poinsettia this year to decorate the front of the sanctuary for our Christmas Eve Service. **Please use the insert to order and dedicate.** They will be \$18 each. You may take them home after the Christmas Eve Service.

**LET’S TALK ABOUT DISCIPLESHIP!** December 1 & 18, 4:30-5:30, conference room behind Gregg’s Office.

**FPC KIDS’QUEST MINISTRY** will be presenting their live Nativity “Christmas Alive!”, December 10th and 11th. We need tour guides!!! **Please use the insert to let us know you’d like to be a tour guide or volunteer in one of the other areas listed.**

**SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS.** Our fall session of GriefShare will conclude on Sunday, December 12. On this day we will have a special study called "Surviving the Holidays". This will be open to anyone in the church and community, especially to those who have lost someone this year. There is a book that goes along with this study that costs \$10 if anyone is interested. Don't forget, December 12 at 2 p.m. at the Kids'House. **Please use the insert to let us know you’ll be coming.**

**IT’S ALMOST TIME TO BUILD A GINGERBREAD HOUSE!!!** Our annual Family Gingerbread House Decorating Party will be Sunday, December 19, 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.**