

10:30 Worship December 13, 2020
3rd Sunday of Advent
WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Greeting/Announcements/Worship Leader Bob Hughes
Prelude

The Lighting of the Advent Candle Ceremony
“We light the Advent Candles” Hymnal #175:4 (Choir)

4. Three candles now are gleaming and show us the true way,
Rejoice, the Baptist cries out, your Lord has come today!

(The candles of HOPE and PEACE are lit;
Then the candle of JOY.)
Meditation – Mike and Doris Koch

*Salutation and Call to Worship:

Jesus brings hope and peace to a troubled world.

His coming means joy to all who hunger for the salvation of God.

Prepare in faith and receive the gift of joy!

Shine in our lives, Lord Jesus Christ! Let us worship God!

*Hymn: “O Come, All Ye Faithful” Hymnal #182 (Choir only)

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession:

O Lord, God, we confess that our faith has been small. We have doubted Your promises and denied Your power to free us from captivity. We conduct our lives as if You could not save. We trust in our own ways and strength. Yet, when our strength is gone and our path becomes a dead end, You burst upon history and change everything. When life becomes darkness and destruction You bring light and life. Forgive us, God of grace for our unbelief; teach us Holy Spirit to fully trust and obey and fill us with the joy of salvation, for we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen

*Silent Confession of Sin and Amen

*Assurance of Pardon:

Light has entered our darkness; forgiveness is granted, and guilt is banished.

In Jesus Christ, God’s costly and unmerited gift, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

*The Gloria Patri Hymnal # 734 (Music only)
Walks with Jesus Rev. Glenn Coleman
First Scripture: Micah 5:2-5 Pew Bible #902

Prayers of the People (see list below)
and The Lord's Prayer Hymnal - Inside Front Cover
*Hymn: “For Ages Women Hoped and Prayed” Hymnal #172 (Choir only)

*Recognition of Tithes and Offerings
*Doxology Hymnal #34 (Choir only)
*Prayer
Anthem “Blessed Be the God of Israel” Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 1:39-55 Pew Bible #991
Sermon: “Mary’s Song” Rev. Glenn Coleman
Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Apostle’s Creed Hymnal - Inside Front Cover
*Hymn: “Arise, Your Light Is Come” Hymn #231 (Choir only)
*Charge and Blessing
*Postlude “Like A Child” Choir

Ushers will dismiss by row, please maintain social distancing
*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Art & Andrea Carter, OMF
Shut-in: Ann Cabell Zimmerman Girl Scouts

- Full Prayer list available in monthly newsletter – copies available at entrances

We welcome our visitors and ask them to fill out a blue visitor card located in the pew rack. We invite you to commit your life to the Lord Jesus Christ in Christian discipleship and become a member of this fellowship. You may do this by meeting with the Session to express your faith in Christ in one of the following ways: Profession of Faith, Transfer of Membership or Reaffirmation of Faith.

Listening devices are available from the audio support person at the rear of the sanctuary.

Prayer Cards are available in each pew. If you would like to have a card sent to someone that we pray for during the service, please fill out the card and place in the offering plate. Our prayer card ministry team will send out a card during the following week.

Flowers – Given to the glory of God and In Love for: our children: Dexter, Keith, Kathy, Camye, and Mark, by Lorene and Dabney Gilliam.

Ushers – serving today: Mark Foster at the North door and Joanna Hughes* at the South door. Today’s Acolyte is Brittany Hazelwood. Audio: Brian Raney.

Children’s Church and Nursery: These continue to be temporarily suspended.

This Week’s Announcements

Virtual Poinsettia Ministry – Each year we decorate the sanctuary with poinsettia flowers, and folks are given the opportunity to donate them in honor, or in memory, of loved ones. The cost this year is \$25 per poinsettia. Dollars above the actual cost will be used to help buy wreaths and garlands for outside the church and the rest will be given to a local charity. See enclosed form. So far we have collected \$250. See insert for order form and those who have been honored or memorialized with a poinsettia.

Special Christmas Service –Next Sunday, December 20 – Special Christmas service is planned. There will be more Christmas songs, along with readings from our youth. Plan to come and enjoy this special day and celebrate the reason for the season.

5 Cents-a-Meal - We will collect for the Presbytery of the Peaks program next Sunday, December 20.

Christmas Eve – We will hold a Christmas Eve service at 5:30 pm on December 24.

Stewardship – Please pray about your stewardship, and recognizing God’s blessings in your life. Know how important you are, and realize that without your help and support we cannot function; we need each and every member. So far, we have received pledges totaling 56.6% of the budget for 2021. Thanks for those who have turned in their pledge cards. If you have not returned your pledge card, please get them into the office as soon as possible.

Upper Rooms – January/February issue now available at both entrances as well as the foyer, pick one up as you enter/leave church, or stop by during the week, while supplies last.

Stephen Ministry – Please pray for our Stephen Ministers, reach out to the church office for more information.

Good Samaritan – Please consider helping the Good Samaritan this Fall, and Winter with necessary food items. They are always in need of canned meats (proteins) such as: Tuna, corned beef hash, peanut butter, chicken, Spam, etc. Financial donations are also accepted, mark checks or envelope accordingly.

Newsletter – The December Newsletter is now available on the church website. The direct link is: <https://www.1stpres.cc/newsletters/> or Go to www.1stpres.cc then look under News and Events then scroll down to Newsletters. Copies are available in each entrance vestibule and in the church office.

Faith History – The Faith History newsletter has been published and posted on the website. Follow the same link to access this newsletter as well. Thank you to all who submitted their faith histories. Copies are available in each entrance vestibule and in the church office.

In loving memory of Julia Baskervill – Julia sent a note to be added into the bulletin, and we want to honor her request: “To the glory of God and to my church family – Best wishes for a joyous, happy and healthy holiday season and new year. With love to all, Julia Baskervill.”

Calendar

Sunday, December 13 9:30 am – Adult Sunday School
 10:00 am – Youth Sunday School
 10:30 am – Worship

Tuesday, December 15 12 noon – NA
 6:00 pm – Deacons & Elders combined

Wednesday, December 16 12 noon – AA
 6:00 pm - Choir

Thursday, December 17 7:00 pm – Men of the Church
 8:00 pm - AA

Friday, December 18 12 noon - AA

Church Staff

Rev. Glenn Coleman, Interim Pastor
 Sherolyn Barnett, Office Manager
 Christopher (Chris) D. Jones, Church Musician
 Doris Koch, Church Treasurer
 Ernest (Avon) Traynham, Sexton
 Terri Hazelwood, Nursery Leader

Session

Rev. Glenn Coleman - Moderator

Class of 2020

Linda Lumsden
 Donald Cherry
 Sandi Hughes, Clerk

Class of 2021

Carol Foster
 Carter Henderson
 Mike Koch

Class 2022

Mike Freshour
 Robert Guthrie
 Mike Rand

Diaconate

Diane Greene, Chairman

Class of 2020

Kelly Chappell
 Diane Greene
 Sue Wilkins

Class of 2021

Joanna Hughes
 Paige Powell
 Terri Smith

Class of 2022

Michaela Freshour
 Lorene Gilliam
 Pattie Grubbs

Trustees

Richard Harrell III
 (2020)

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 (2021)

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Mission Statement

"Growing God's Presence"

Foundational Principles

*Christ Centered~Biblically Based~
 Spirit Led~Grounded in Faith and Love*

Values

*Committed~Servant Heart~
 Nurturing~Welcoming~Visioning*

No nursery or Children's Church will be provided at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions.

5 cents-a-meal Offering is collected the third Sunday of each month.

Worship every Sunday 10:30 am;

Sunday School 9:30 am every Sunday

Youth Sunday School 10:00 am every Sunday

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