

Order of Worship
November 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent

Prelude (11:00 a.m.)

Advent Wreath Lighting (Responsive) Bob and Karen Cochran (9:00 a.m.)
Fukai Family (11:00 a.m.)

One: Unexpected God, your advent disrupts us.
All: Help us to be willing to set aside all that distracts us from your arrival.
One: We light this candle in Hope, praying we will encounter Christ amidst the busyness and brokenness of the world.
All: It is in His name we pray, Amen.

Processional Hymn No. 82 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession (Unison)
God-with-us, even in Advent, we confess that you can seem far away. You are hidden when we need you near. In our hurt, doubt, and fear, we do not try to draw close to you; instead, we lash out—against you, our neighbor, even those we love. O God, forgive us our sins, renew us in love, and teach us to live a way that brings honor and glory to your name; (silent prayer) through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie No. 121 (verse 4)
O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us; abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria No. 583 (sung twice)
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading *Romans 13:11-14*

Word to Grow By

Special Music *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*, arr. Scott, soloist MaryBeth Mitchell

Second Reading *Isaiah 2:1-5*

Sermon *Hope*, Rev. Nick Reed

Affirmation of Faith (Unison) *The Apostles' Creed* Hymnal, p. 35

Offertory (11:00 a.m.)

Doxology No. 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn No. 93 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

Benediction

Postlude (11:00 a.m.)

Liturgist: Robert Barnes

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Carol Griffin, by Gene and Ashley Adams.

Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Church, Auburn

New to the Presbyterian Church USA? We would love to share with you more about our Reformed tradition of theology and worship.

New to Auburn, or simply new to this congregation? We'd love to share with you more about the rich history of this church and its valuable contributions to the Auburn community.

Searching for a church home? We would love to join you in that search and help discern whether First Presbyterian may be where God is calling you to be nurtured, inspired, and empowered.

Please take a moment to fill out our online Friendship Register
or you may contact either of us directly.

Revs. Nick and Kathy Reed, Co-Pastors