

Announcements

December 5, 2021

We pray for: Ann Potteiger and her husband (Ron), The Montgomery Family, the Holbens, Nolan Lyon, The Davisons, Rex Felton, Nancy Cook, Faye Lyon, Joyce McClellan (Willows), The McQuistions, Tom Harrold, Jack Myers, those with Covid.

- ⇒ Welcome to this space and this time set aside for worshiping God together. We are incredibly grateful to return to this space full of the stories of God's faithfulness. All are welcome here! Our session recommends masks and distancing inside the building. Let's keep each other healthy!
- ⇒ Worship is also being broadcast live on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/FPC.Tiffin/> (which you can also access by clicking through our webpage at fpctiffin.org).
- ⇒ The Choir meets on Sundays at 9am. Handbells meet to practice on Tuesdays at 5:15pm.
- ⇒ We have been asked to collect gently used shoes for the Transition Life Center. Please place lightly used shoes in the box near the nursery.
- ⇒ Devotionals, Advent calendars, newsletters, and other Advent resources to aid you at home are available in the narthex, online, or by calling the office at 419-447-2004.
- ⇒ Liturgy by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed, A Sanctified Art LLC, unless noted.
- ⇒ The Giving Tree is up! Please place diapers and Pull-Ups for the Pantry under the tree in the Narthex.
- ⇒ The office will close at noon Thursday, 12/9.
- ⇒ Please join the Old Millstream Ringers & Lake Plains Chorus for their Christmas Remembrance concert, 12/12 at 5pm at First Lutheran Church, 109 E. Lincoln St., Findlay. A freewill offering will be taken.
- ⇒ The NOAH Foundation Community Christmas Day Dinner is 12/25 from 11am to 1:30pm at Camden Falls. Call for reservations at 419-455-4569.
- ⇒ Please sign the Christmas cards in the Narthex for our church family who cannot make it to Sunday services!
- ⇒ Thank you to all who helped decorate the sanctuary!
- ⇒ Stay after worship today to watch last year's Christmas pageant. Finally, we can watch it together!

Advent II



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First Presbyterian Church of Tiffin
Welcomes You!

The birth story of John the Baptist sets the foundation for what is to

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PRELUDE Sarabande—Handel

Rachel Hopple

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Let us turn our hearts to God in worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

If life was a home, then we would pray—

may love be the foundation.

May God be the cornerstone.

May the Spirit be the windows—ushering light in.

And may hope be the walls—holding us together.

In this hour of worship, let us work toward building that home together.

We may not know the path ahead, but God is here, even now.

Let us give thanks for a foundation of love.

Let us worship Holy God.

CALL TO WORSHIP IN SONG (*Blest Be the God of Israel: Song of Zechariah* no. 109)

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Tim & Rachel Hopple

SUNG REPSONSE (Tune: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*, no. 347)
(© by John Kupar)

As we light the candle of peace,
We await the Christ yet to come.
Seeking peace within and around us,
To a world with fear overgrown.
Christ come to us, upon our earth do dwell,
May we carry hope close to home.

HYMN OF THE DAY (*Comfort, Comfort Now My People*, no. 87)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, when John was born, Zechariah leaned down and whispered words of love into his ear. We know that you do the same for us, day in and day out, yet we fail to hear it. We forget that in the beginning we were made good.

We doubt that we could possibly be enough.

We hustle for our self-worth and wear ourselves out aiming for perfection.

We deflect words of praise.

We hide behind shiny first impressions.

The kind of life John will live. The life John the Baptist lives also

comes in Jesus' birth story. Zechariah's song then sets the foundation for

Forgive us. Trusting our worth is the hardest job. Open our ears as you open our hearts, so that we might rest on the foundation of goodness you have laid for us. Gratefully we pray, amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA ("Gloria" from "Angels We Have Heard on High")

PASSING OF THE PEACE

A TIME TO WORSHIP WITH CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Come, Peace of God" arr. Butler

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE LESSONS OF THE DAY: LUKE 1:57-80

THE MESSAGE "Praise and Prophecy: All That We Need is You"

RESPONDING WITH OUR MUSIC (*Christ Be Our Light*, no. 314, vs 1, 2, 4)

RESPONDING TO GOD WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

Handbell Offertory "Advent Promise" arr. Page

Advent Response ("In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" no. 654)

Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord of Mercy, Bring Us Peace! or

Peace of the World, Shine down on us!

ADVENT BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

SENDING HYMN

(*Christ Be Our Light* no. 314)

POSTLUDE Festive Postlude—Anonymous

Rachel Hopple

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!



Rev. Katie M. Treadway, Pastor

◆ Rachel Hopple, Organist	◆ Terry Lyon, IT Consultant
◆ Darcianne Porter, Music Director	◆ Donald Loving, Treasurer
◆ Logan Lyon, IT Worship Director	◆ Brittany Cook, Secretary

prepares the way for Jesus to live out God's Way for the world.