

Announcements

December 11, 2022

We pray for: Ann Potteiger and her husband (Ron), Heather Holben, Rex Felton, Joyce McClellan (Willows), The McQuistions, Nolan Lyon, Tom Harrold (Fostoria), Tim Hopple, The Cooleys (St. Francis), Jack Myers, The Montgomery Family, The Porter Family.

- ♦ Welcome to this space and this time set aside for worshipping God together. We are incredibly grateful to gather in this space full of the stories of God's faithfulness. All are welcome here!
- ♦ A nursery is available for children through age six. Many choose to stay in the worship service until after the time to worship with children. Know that children are welcome to stay for the whole worship service, but feel free to utilize the nursery at any time!
- ♦ Happy birthday to Nancy Gaietto (12/15), Rosalie Loving (12/16)! May God bless you! Please sign the cards in the Narthex to help our FPC family celebrate!
- ♦ If you are interested in volunteering for future coffee hours, please sign up in the Narthex upstairs. Drinks, plates, and napkins will be provided.
- ♦ All prayers are by Rev. Sarah Are Speed at A Sanctified Art LLC unless noted.
- ♦ Spread the word! First Lutheran Church will be having their drive-through food distribution from 1 to 3 p.m. December 15 for Seneca County residents who meet federal poverty guidelines. Please bring valid photo ID and proof of residency.
- ♦ Our Giving Tree is up in the Narthex! We are collecting hats, gloves, and mittens for the Transformation Life Center!
- ♦ Congratulations to Nancy Smeeton-Gaietto and Simone Lang, who we elected to serve as elders. Our prayers continue for you!
- ♦ Thanks to all those who helped with the service today!

Community (All Church) Worship Opportunities

- ♦ Sunday, December 18th at 7 p.m.: *Blue Christmas Service at Trinity UCC.*

Thank you for Supporting First Presbyterian Church

Annual Budget for Sunday Collections \$60,000

Monthly Goal to Meet Budget \$5,000.00

Sunday collection in November: \$4,403.00

If you would like to give to the church, you may use this QR code for direct access. Thank you for including the ministry of your church in your weekly acts of generosity.



3rd Sunday of Advent



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First Presbyterian Church of Tiffin
Welcomes You!

The desert and the parched land will be glad;

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PRELUDE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*—arr. Bumgarner Rachel Hopple

INTROIT (“O Come, O Come Emmanuel,” no. 88 vs. 4)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Let us turn our hearts to God in worship.

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** The Candle Lighting Liturgy: The Candle of Joy

* **CALL TO WORSHIP IN SONG**

(“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn” no. 107)

OPENING PRAYER WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER © Rev. Nancy J.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 1:18-25

* **HYMN OF THE DAY** (“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming,” no. 129)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, a million times a day we have the opportunity to be gracious, to assume the best in others, to give the benefit of the doubt. A million times a day we could choose the better way, but so often we don’t. Fear and greed kick in.

Assumptions and insecurities take the wheel. Comparison and critique lead the charge. Forgive us for forgetting that we are descendants of Joseph. Forgive us for forgetting that grace and mercy are in our blood. Forgive us for forgetting that all belong to you. Give us the courage to love even bigger than before, and the wisdom to choose a better way. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* **“GLORIA” FROM “ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH”**

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

A TIME TO WORSHIP WITH CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

SPECIAL MUSIC “Walk In The Light”—Thomas FPC Tiffin Chancel Choir

Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom;

the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE LESSONS OF THE DAY: ISAIAH 35: 1-10

THE MESSAGE “A Presentation on the Trees of the Bible” Sue Krieger

RESPONDING WITH OUR MUSIC

(“In The Bulb There is a Flower” no. 250)

TOGETHER WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

Bill Hite

MINUTE FOR MISSION: CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

including the Christmas Joy Offering

Offertory *Maria Walks Amid the Thorn*—arr. Powell Rachel Hopple

* **Advent Doxology** (Words on screen)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* **ADVENT BENEDICTION**

* **SENDING HYMN** (Christ Be Our Light, no. 314 vs. 1)

POSTLUDE *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*—arr. Young

Rachel Hopple

* **PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.**

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

it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.