

Announcements

November 28, 2021

We pray for: Ann Potteiger and her husband (Ron), The Montgomery Family, Heather Holben, 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.
- ⇒ Happy Birthday to Bob Oleson (12/3), Tom Harrold (12/3), Bill Hite (12/4), Marty Larson (12/5), and Nelle Ratliff (12/5)! May God bless you!
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ The Traunero Funeral Home and Crematory invites you to its 25th Annual Holiday Memorial Program at 1 p.m. 12/4. If you have lost a loved one in the past year and want to honor them with the Tree of Remembrance, call before 11/30 to make reservations, 419-447-3113.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ Join us in decorating the church 11/30 at 3 p.m.
- ⇒ Liturgy by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed, A Sanctified Art LLC, unless noted.
- ⇒ The Giving Tree will be going up this week and we will be collecting diapers for the Pantry.
- ⇒ Thanks to Bob & Shirley Oleson for providing cider and donuts last Sunday after church!

Advent I



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**First Presbyterian Church of Tiffin
Welcomes You!**

We recognize that the way things are in the world today

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PRELUDE

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

Can one be homesick for something you've never known?

**We are homesick for a just world,
for peace like rivers,
for the end of suffering.**

Yes, we are homesick—

**for joy that is contagious,
for nations that feel like neighbors,
and for hospitals that run empty.**

We are homesick for the world God promises.

**We are homesick, but we are on our way.
God is here. God is still creating.
Let us worship Holy God.**

CALL TO WORSHIP IN SONG (*Rejoice, the Lord is King*
no. 363 vs 1, 4)

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

SUNG RESPONSE (*Tune: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, no. 347*
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As we light the candle of hope,
We await the Christ yet to come
Hoping for a world of shalom,
One where we are closely known.
Chri-ist come to us, upon our earth do dwell,
May we carry hope close to home.

HYMN OF THE DAY (*Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*
no. 350, vs. 1, 2)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,

We find ourselves with two options every day—
to stay homesick for the world you had in mind, or to allow
cynicism to win.

for God to make things right and lead us

are just not right and we long for home,

Do we hope against hope, or do we throw in the towel?
Do we insist on a better world, or do we assume it's
impossible?

Forgive us for the days when cynicism wins.

Forgive us for numbing our homesick hurt instead of using it
to fuel a better world.

Kindle in us a hope that won't let go.

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

"A Child of Hope" arr. Smith

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Respond with but your words will last.

THE LESSONS OF THE DAY: LUKE 21:25-36

THE MESSAGE "I Wanna Go Home"

RESPONDING WITH OUR MUSIC (*Canticle of the Turning, no. 100*)

RESPONDING TO GOD WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory

Rachel Hopple

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

Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord of Mercy, **Bring Us Hope!** or

Hope 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

Rachel Hopple

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Rev. Katie M. Treadway, Pastor

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

to the place where our souls cry out to be.