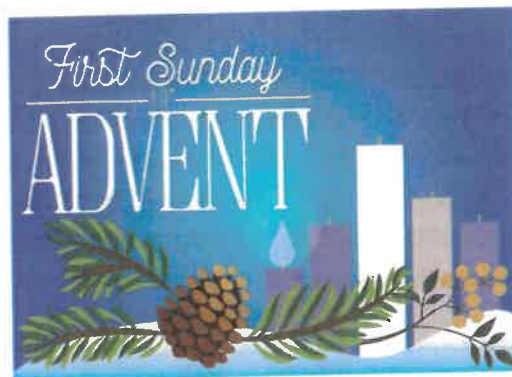


# **First Presbyterian Church of Hawley**

*“Come to Grow in Love, Spirit, and Faith”*



**November 27, 2022**

**10 AM**

**First Sunday of Advent**

First Presbyterian Church  
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**“For salvation is nearer to us now than when we  
became believers.”  
Romans 13:11b**

Please take time to prepare for worship through meditation and prayer during the prelude. As the prelude begins, quiet your voice and soul. With music and prayer let us move from 'getting to church' to 'being the church' as we worship together.

### **Opening Prayer**

Let us awaken to Christ this morning. Let us shake off our spiritual sleepiness. Let us remember never to slumber when the light is shining. The night is nearly gone, the day of birth, the day of brilliance and Christ is nearly here. Let us awaken and celebrate! **All: Amen.**

**PRELUDE**                      *Be Comforted, My People*                      **Smith**  
Adele Harrison, organ

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**                      **Rev. Mark Juengel**

**Introit**                      **Savior of the Nations, Come**  
Chancel Choir

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**                      **Carol Cowan**

Leader: Advent is a time of waiting and wondering. Someone is on his way. Something is about to happen. "And what I say to you I say to all: Watch." Let us watch for Christ in the torment of the nations.

**People: We will know him by his healing.**

Leader: Let us watch for Christ in the tumult of our cities.

**People: We will know him by his reconciling.**

Leader: Let us watch for Christ in the doldrums of his church.

**People: We will know him by his quickening.**

Leader: Let us watch for Christ in our own troubled selves.

**People: We will know him by his loving touch, which reassures us about ourselves, and galvanizes us into serving each other, and the cities, and the nations, and the church.**

**All: It was Jesus who said it: "And what I say to you I say to all: Watch." And so we will!**

**\*Hymn #82: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"**

**Lighting of the First Advent Candle**    **Campbell and Miller Family**

Leader: "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end."

Leader: Today we begin the journey of Advent. Let us pray that we may be ready and able to welcome the Christ child into our lives again.

**People: Come, Lord Jesus!**

Leader: May this Advent wreath constantly remind us to prepare for Christ's coming.

**People: Because of our trust in what God has already done for us, we are bold to hope for what God will yet do with us.**

***(Light the First Advent Candle)***

Leader: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."

**People: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." May our lights so shine before others that they will give glory to our gracious parent in heaven.**

Leader: Let us pray. O Lord, keep us awake and alert, while we watch for your kingdom in our midst. Make us strong in faith so we may greet your Son when he comes to us, and joyfully may we give Him praise, with you and the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Carol Cowan**

O God, we confess it is too easy to be a naysayer rather than a beacon of hope. We regret the times when we have joined a chorus of negativity and despair rather than a chorus lifting up words of comfort and hope. In this time of looking forward, grant us the grace to look forward with hope. May this Candle of Hope be lit in our hearts that we might bring hope to those who are living through dark times. We ask this in the name of the child who is to come giving hope to all. Amen.

### **Moment of Silence**

### **Kyrie**

Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us.  
Lord have mercy upon us.

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Carol Cowan**

Christ is here and the good news is that our sins are forgiven. Wake up to a new day and walk humbly with your God. **All: Alleluia.**

### **\*Congregational Response, Hymn #132,**

**"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"**

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

## **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**Carol Cowan**

Enlightening God, whose luminescent brilliance no human eye can bear, brighten our souls, illuminate our minds, that we may never

spiritually slumber this Advent season. Awaken us each morning, and let your light shine right through us, out our eyes, riding on the words out of our mouths, that your blessed light may become our little light to shine gently on those who spiritually sleep.

All: Amen.

**First Lesson: Isaiah 2: 1-5**

**Carol Cowan**

**Second Lesson: Romans 13: 11-14**

**Rev. Mark Juengel**

**Music Meditation**

*He is the Light that Shines*  
Chancel Choir

**Schram**

### **TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS**

**SERMON**

**"It's About Time"**

**Rev. Mark Juengel**

**\*Hymn #349 "Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us"**

### **INVITATION TO OFFERTORY**

**Offertory**

*O Come, O Come Immanuel*

**Arr. Berry**

Kimberley Protzman, violin and Matthew Rupcich, piano

**\*Doxology, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people  
here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

### **SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)**

**\*Hymn #88, "O Come, O Come Immanuel"**

### **THE BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying**

**arr. Ritter**

Adele Harrison, organ

\*Please stand if you are able.