

First Presbyterian Church
Kingsford, Michigan
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2021

Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Prelude

*Praise Medley --Insert

*Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, you come to us with a love so great we're frightened by it. You give of yourself completely and totally to us, even to death on a cross. You invite us to respond to your love in return, but we are afraid of what that might mean. We love you, Lord, but not yet as we want to. Draw us more deeply into your embrace that we might respond by giving you our whole heart, mind, and strength, and loving our neighbor as ourselves; for we ask in the name of Love Himself, Jesus Christ.

*Assurance of God's Pardon

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.**

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination --Susie Fox

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16 Pg. 662, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 25:1-10 Pg. 459, Pew Bible

Choral Anthem: *Carol for Advent*

Sermon Text: Luke 21:25-36
Sermon

Pg. 881, Pew Bible
--Cathy Lundy

*Hymn: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

No. 245

*Creed (The Second Helvetic Confession of 1566):

The Gospel is properly called glad and joyous news, in which, first by John the Baptist, then by Christ the Lord himself, and afterwards by the apostles and their successors, is preached to us in the world that God has now performed what he promised from the beginning of the world, and has sent, nay more, has given us his only Son and in him reconciliation with the Father, the remission of sins, all fullness and everlasting life.

*INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

David Carlson, Linda Smith, Wayne Lantinen, Geri Anderson,
Mary Rushford, Alan Wall, Karyn Daft

*Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Benediction

*Response: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free.
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.**

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

- Today:** 6:00p.m. Sr. High Youth Group
- Monday:** 5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru*)
- Tuesday:** 10:00a.m. and 5:15p.m. Bible Study
1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry
- Wednesday:** 3:30p.m. KID'S CLUB
3:30p.m. 5th/6th Grade Youth Group
5:00p.m. Kid's Xmas Rehearsal
6:30p.m. Adult Choir (*Fellowship Hall*)
- Thursday:** 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That
4:00p.m. Jr. High Youth Group
- Saturday:** **9:00a.m. Cookies & Carols**
4:00p.m. Worship Service

Thank you to **Cathy Lundy** for filling the pulpit today while Pastor Mike is on vacation. He will be back next Sunday.

SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICES begins this Saturday, the 4th!

We are happy to announce the addition of another worship service on Saturdays at 4:00p.m. beginning this Saturday, December 4th. There will now be two opportunities for worship every week: Saturdays at 4:00p.m. and Sundays at 9:00a.m. Live streaming will continue on Sundays only.

COOKIES & CAROLS: Saturday, December 4th, 9:00-11:00a.m.

Join us in Fellowship Hall this Saturday, the 4th, for cookies and coffee while listening to Christmas carols performed by the students of *Major 10th School of Music*. Many of the students are members of FPC. If you can help make cookies, please join us this Friday, the 3rd, in the kitchen at 9:00a.m. Let Lorna (lrmarc@sbcglobal.net) know that you are coming and thank you!

Greeters: Beginning in December we will again have greeters. If you'd like to sign up to greet at either worship service (Saturday or Sunday) or on Christmas Eve (4:00p.m. and 7:00p.m.), check the sign-up sheets on the table in the Fireside Room.

Poinsettia Order Form

Cost: \$10.00

If you would like to order a poinsettia to help decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas season, complete this form and return it to the Church office or put it in the collection plate along with your check (or cash) for \$10.00 per poinsettia.

Please print clearly – this information will be included in the bulletin.

From _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Poinsettias can be taken home following the 7:00p.m. Christmas Eve worship service or they can be donated for the Christmas Day dinner to be given out with a meal delivery.

I will take my poinsettia home.

After 7:00p.m. worship _____

Pick it up the following week _____

I will donate my poinsettia. _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Amount Paid: _____ Check _____ Cash

CHRISTMAS DINNER VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

Thursday, December 23rd

_____ Meal Prep 9:00a.m.

Friday, December 24th

_____ Meal Prep 9:00a.m.

Christmas Day

_____ Meal Prep (circle one)

6:30-8:00a.m.; 8:00-10:00a.m.

_____ Meal Assembly Line in Fellowship Hall

10:00a.m.

_____ Kitchen Help 10:00a.m.

_____ Parking Lot Attendants 9:00a.m.

_____ Poinsettia Crew 9:00a.m.

_____ Deliver Meals 11:00a.m.

_____ Make Dessert (Recipe & Pan Available)

_____ Make a reservation for a meal.

(Fill in information below.)

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

We would like to reserve meals for our family.

Number of Meals _____

_____ We will pick them up. OR _____ Deliver to:

WE BOW DOWN

You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life,
Lord of the land and the sea;
You were Lord of the heavens before there was time,
And Lord of all lords you will be.

We bow down and we worship you, Lord.
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We bow down and we worship you, Lord.
Lord of all lords you will be.

You are King of creation and King of my life,
King of the land and the sea;
You were King of the heavens before there was time,
And King of all kings you will be.

We bow down and we crown you the King.
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King of all kings you will be. (repeat)

GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy one, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

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And now let the weak say, "I am strong," Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

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Give thanks, give thanks.