

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsford, Michigan
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 18, 2021

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

Response: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Prelude: *Away in a Manger* --Samson Hutchinson, Jade Span

*Hymn: *O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful* No. 282

***Prayer of Confession: Loving God, forgive us. Christ came into our world because of our great need for him, yet he was rejected. Herod tried to kill him when he was still an infant. The kings of this world always resist the gentle call of the Savior for love and mercy and care for all. Those who have much rarely want to share with those who have great need. Forgive us when we blindly go along with laws and social mores that favor us while they oppress the weak and the helpless. Open our eyes to the needs of the least among us, and open our hearts to love; for Christ's sake.**

*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

Scripture Reading: Micah 5:2-5 Pg. 779, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Luke 1:46-55 Pg. 856, Pew Bible

Anthem

--Crystal Hogan

Sermon Text: Luke 1:39-45

Pg. 856, Pew Bible

Sermon

*Hymn: *Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

No. 273

*Creed (Westminster Confession of Faith of 1643):

The Son of God, the second Person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance, and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon Him man's nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof; yet without sin: being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.

*INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

David Carlson, Micah Carlson, Mary Rushford, Alan Wall, Karyn Daft; the family of Lynn Hitt

*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: *Love Has Come!*

No. 256

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

Today: 10:00a.m. Children's Christmas Program

(Sunday) 6:00p.m. Sr. High Youth Group

Monday: 5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru*)

Tuesday: No Bible Study

1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry

Wednesday: No Youth Programs

6:30p.m. Adult Choir (*Fellowship Hall*)

Thursday: 9:00a.m. Christmas Dinner Prep

No Sit, Chat, Finish That

No Jr. High Youth Group

Friday: 9:00a.m. Christmas Dinner Set-up

4:00p.m. & 7:00p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Saturday: *Merry Christmas!*

11:00a.m. Christmas Dinner (*drive-thru*)

No Saturday Worship Service

Sunday (12/26): 9:00a.m. Worship Service

Worship, next Sunday, December 26th: Next Sunday's service will be a little different – a taped virtual service through the Synod, designed to give ministers a break on the Sunday after Christmas. Pastor Mike and Lorna are part of this recorded service along with many other ministers. Synod Interim Executive Chip Hardwick will preach the sermon based on the lectionary. We will still meet in the sanctuary and view the virtual service on the big screen. It will also be available on our website.

The 2022 offering envelopes are on the table outside of the office. If you want envelopes but didn't get any, please call the office.

The new church directory (a.k.a. A Church Family Photo Album!) is now available for pick-up. Check with Mary Jean or Linda to get your copy.