

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsford, Michigan
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2022

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:

God our Father, forgive us. You call us to have the mind of Christ, to empty ourselves and consider ourselves servants of all others. We confess that to willingly seek the lower place is not our way. We spend more time taking care of ourselves than we do emptying ourselves in service to the needy. The way of Jesus is hard for us. Forgive us for our weak efforts and lack of trust in your vision. Fill us with hope that we may try again to be like Jesus. Show us the need and teach us how meet it in true humility and service, 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

Children's Message (Sunday)

Prayer for Illumination (Saturday) --Debbie LaCourt

Prayer for Illumination (Sunday) --Connie Olkkonen

Scripture Reading: Matthew 24:36-44 Pg. 830, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 122 Pg. 517 Pew Bible

Anthem (Saturday): *Let All Mortal Flesh...* --Ralph Kramer

Choral Anthem (Sunday): *Thanksgiving Prayer*

Sermon Text: Romans 13:11-14

Sermon

Pg. 948, Pew Bible

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

No. 245

***Creed: But because the Godhead alone could not suffer death, and neither could manhood overcome death, he joined both together in one person, that the weakness of one should suffer and be subject to death - which we had deserved - and the infinite and invincible power of the other, that is, of the Godhead, should triumph, and purchase for us life, liberty, and perpetual victory. So we confess, and most undoubtedly believe. -- Scot's Confession 1560**

The Offering (Sunday)

***Doxology (Sunday): Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

Harvey Johnson, Dennis Fraker, Darlene Duff, Tobias Cook, Karen Daft, Pat Quick, Sara Miller; for the right person to answer the call to be our Associate Youth Pastor

***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.**

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

No. 244

*Benediction

*Response: *O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful*

No. 282

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

- Monday:** *No* Prayer in the Chapel
5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru only*)
- 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 Youth Group
6:30p.m. Adult Choir
- Thursday:** 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That
6:00p.m. 789 Youth Group
- Saturday:** 4:00p.m. Worship

Pans with the recipe for the Cranberry Christmas Cake are now available on the table in the Fireside Room. We need 60 cakes this year. There is also a sign-up sheet next to them or you can fill out the insert in this bulletin to let us know how many cakes you will be making.

Sunday Worship Time Change on December 18th: 10:00a.m.
The Children's Christmas Program will be held during worship on Sunday, December 18th. On that day there will be one service at 10:00a.m. The Saturday service will remain the same at 4:00p.m.

Ushers: Larry and Connie Olkkonen, Philip Spooner

General Fund Balance as of October 31st: 8,306

OCTOBER Receipts 36,131 / Expenses 36,695

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.

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GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. (*repeat*)
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!" (*repeat*)
Give thanks, give thanks.

I LOVE YOU, LORD

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship you, O my soul rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear,
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.