



December 12, 2021 Third Sunday of Advent

The Presbyterian Church ~ 142 N. Fourth Street ~ Coshocton, Ohio

God's love is here for you!

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Cooper Wood, pianist
Lukas Sycks, liturgist*



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GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL - Calling us to prepare with prayer during the prelude.

PRELUDE

Hark! the Glad Sound!

arranged, Michael Burkhardt

Alice Hoover, organ

*"Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long.
Let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song."*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Karen

Flowers are given in loving memory of Tom Sutton by his family.

*The additional vase of four white roses are giving in memory of Benjamin's great grandparents,
Mr. & Mrs. Richard J. Griley and Mr. & Mrs. Glenn A. Mentzer.*

CHORAL INTROIT

Jesus Is Coming!

Cherub Choir

Sharon Sutton, director; Judy Ogle, assistant

Ann Leppla, piano

OPENING SENTENCES

Liturgist

Rejoice in the Lord always.

Again, I will say, "Rejoice!"

Shout aloud and sing for joy!

God is with us. The Lord is near.

GATHERING PRAYER

Liturgist

***HYMN 134**

Joy to the World

*All who are able please stand.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Pastor Karen

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that, in the midst of your glorious creation, we have neglected our role in its care. We ignore the cries of the hurting and the lonely, those on the margins and those who are oppressed. We focus on our own desires, while forgetting the needs of our neighbors. We have not prepared a way for the Lord, through either our words or our deeds, neither through our actions nor our thoughts. Grant us your mercy in forgiveness; and lead us to act with compassion and justice, guided by your glorious light. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Know that you are forgiven in Jesus Christ and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE 100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Refrain only: **My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.**

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Gene, Debbie, Greg, Shannon & Benjamin Mentzer

HYMN 85 Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

Stanza 3

CANDLE LITANY

As we light our third Advent candle,
we pray for hope, peace, and joy.
Come now, O Child of Mary.
Come now, O Prince of Joy.

HYMN 85 Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

Stanza 3

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

BAPTISM OF BENJAMIN ALAN MENTZER

PRESENTATION

There is one body and one Spirit just as you were called to the one hope of your calling.

One Lord, one faith, on baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the *Apostles' Creed*:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE BAPTISM

WELCOME

Benjamin, you have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through Baptism. By the power of the Holy Spirit, you have become a member of the household of God, to share with us in the ministry of Christ and the priesthood of all believers. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into the body of Christ.

Alleluia! Amen!

Live as a child of the light and let your light shine before others.

Amen.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 12:2-6

Liturgist

Philippians 4:4-7

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Sleep, Little Baby

Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir

Malik Khalfani, director; Cooper Wood, accompanist

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:7-18

Pastor Karen

Heaven and earth will pass away but the word of the Lord stands forever.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Filled with Expectation

Pastor Karen

***HYMN 129**

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional, "Debts and Debtors")

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O Come, Little Children

arranged, Diane Bish

Today's offertory was chosen to remind us that Jesus welcomed children into His kingdom.
Today we welcome Benjamin into our midst.

*"Oh, come, little children, oh come one and all to Bethlehem's stable in Bethlehem's stall,
and see with rejoicing this glorious sight our Father in heaven has sent us this night."*

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 113 Angels We Have Heard on High

Refrain only:

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/DEDICATION

**God Most High, receive the gifts of our lives as an offering of gratitude for your
grace. Overshadow us with your Holy Spirit and let it be with us according to your
word, for nothing is impossible with you. Amen.**

*HYMN 105

People, Look East

Stanza 3

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

*Swedish Folk Tune
arranged, James Mansfield*

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE
CHURCH THIS WEEK:**

THIS WEEK'S GLANCE



TODAY (12/12):	4:00-7:00 p.m.	Youth (grades 7-12) Ugly Christmas Sweater Party
MONDAY (12/13):	1:00 p.m.	Music planning in Pastor's office
TUESDAY (12/14):	1:00 p.m.	Deacons meeting in the parlor
WEDNESDAY (12/15):	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal
THURSDAY (12/16):	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Fellowship in the parlor
SUNDAY (12/19):	9:00 a.m.	Youth/Young Adult Worship in the chapel
	10:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Worship in the sanctuary
	2:00 p.m.	Windsorwood Worship

