



December 19, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

God's love is here for you!

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Once in Royal David's City

arranged, Albin C. Whitworth

Alice Hoover, organ

*"Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild; Jesus Christ, her little child."*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Karen

*Flowers are given in loving memory of Laura M. Hubler by
Bob and Marialice Mauch and family.*

OPENING SENTENCES

Liturgist

Keep watch! For the One who brings peace is coming.

We wait in anticipation for Christ.

We wait for God's revealing of joy. Remain alert!

Love is coming to dwell among us. Hope draws near.

GATHERING PRAYER

Liturgist

***HYMN 133**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

*All who are able please stand.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Pastor Karen

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, giver of all good gifts, we come before you as children in need of your wisdom and grace. Our fears and our hopes are braided together in the rhythm of daily life. Our visions of the future depend on our own hands and ability. Our expectations remain reasonable and within our control. Break into this tangle of fear and hope, bringing peace to our souls. Break into our vision of the future, returning us to your hands. Break into our expectations, awakening us with curiosity and wonder through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
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

April King, John, Mason, Jacob, and Jonah Gano

HYMN 85 Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah
Stanza 4

CANDLE LITANY

As we light our fourth Advent candle,
we rejoice with Mary, for Love has flesh.
Come now, O Child of Mary.
Come now, O Prince of Love.

HYMN 85 Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah
Stanza 4

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 2:1-5a

Liturgist

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Born a Stranger
Chancel Choir
Malik Khalfani, director

Ruth Morris Gray

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:39-55

Pastor Karen

Heaven and earth will pass away but the word of the Lord stands forever.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Blessed Is She Who Believed

Pastor Karen

*HYMN 136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.19)*

Liturgist

Let us say what we believe.

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

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 Little Town of Bethlehem

arranged, David Cherwien

*"...Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the HOPES and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight."*

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 113 Angels We Have Heard on High

Refrain only:

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
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*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/DEDICATION

You deliver us, O God, from exile, separation, and despair into communion with each other, with you, and with your good news. We thank you for all that draws us close together, astounding us with lives transformed by gratitude. Accept our gifts as signs of our gratitude for what you give us every day and as honor to your presence in our world; for the sake of those who stand in need and Jesus Christ, who saves us. Amen.

*HYMN 105

People, Look East

Stanza 4

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

arranged, Lani Smith

*"Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here."*



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CHURCH THIS WEEK:

THIS WEEK AT GLANCE



TODAY (12/19):	2:00 p.m.	Windsorwood Worship & Caroling
THURSDAY (12/23):	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Fellowship in the parlor
FRIDAY (12/24):	6:20 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Music of the Season
	7:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship
SUNDAY (12/26):	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Hymn Sing in the chapel (No 9 a.m. Y/YA service)

Tina Johnson will be in the office December 28 & 30 (Tuesday & Thursday) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and December 29 & 31 (Wednesday and Friday) from 9 a.m. to noon. Any contributions received after December 31 at noon will be applied to your 2022 giving statement. Thank you!



Need a unique Christmas gift for that hard-to-buy-for person?





We have a solution for you! We are selling *Presbyterian Women's Favorite Recipes* cookbooks for **\$5.00** and Cat's Meows of the church for **\$10.00**. Both items are available for purchase in the assembly room. A basket is provided for you to put your money in.



OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES

2022 Offering Envelope boxes are available for pick-up in the assembly room. As more people are using our online giving, the number of boxes ordered has decreased. Your number may have changed. If you do not find a box with your name on it, please let Tina in the office know.



New Offering Envelopes

PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT for 2022 remains the same. It is \$30.59 per member. Blue envelopes are available in your offering envelope box or you can put it in a plain envelope marked "2022 Per Capita." Thank you!