

Advent Hope
Kirkpatrick Church
Sunday, November 27, 2022 9:30am

Preservice Music
Greeting & Announcements

Preparation Music

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope
The world says, "All is lost." God says, "All is loved."
The darkness says, "The light is dying." The light says, "The fire is catching."
Fear says, "Cover your eyes and your ears." Hope says, "Watch, wait and listen."

As we light our first Advent candle,
We pray for the holy hope of God.
Come now, O Child of Mary.
Come now, O Prince of Hope.

Sung Response: *tune: Away in a Manger*
**A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
A candle of HOPE in December's dark night
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.**

Opening Prayer
Let us pray:
**God of glory, we know that you are coming at an unexpected hour.
Come to us now, in Spirit and Truth. Take us up into your presence, and
make us ready for your reign of peace; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

Gathering Songs:
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence by Gerard Moultrie
The First Noel Traditional

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we do not walk in your light. We study the ways of war; we stray from the paths of peace. By day we waste your gifts; by night we dishonor your name. Forgive us; deliver us; awaken us to your Word, so that we may be ready to welcome you with joy, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Sung Response: O Little Town of Bethlehem vs 4

O holy Child of Bethlehem,

Descend on us, we pray.

Cast out our sin, and enter in;

Be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels

The great glad tidings tell.

O come to us, abide with us,

Our Lord, Emmanuel.

A Time for Children

Prayer of Thanksgiving - Offering

Doxology

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**All praise to you Eternal Son whose advent has our freedom won
whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore.**

1st Scripture Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

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2nd Scripture Reading: Matt 24: 36-44

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Sermon: "Keep Awake!"

Pastor Marie Branigan

Hymn of Response: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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Prayers of the People

Communion Hymn: In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

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Sharing the Feast

Prayer after Communion

Lord, Emmanuel

**By your presence in this meal
you have fed us and strengthened us,
In this waiting season
fill us with hopeful expectation
that we may see the signs of your kingdom
all around us
and rejoice
in your coming salvation and glory. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Sending Hymn: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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Benediction

Sung response: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, Oh Israel!

Post Service Music



Calendar Updates:

Welcome to Advent: This is the beginning of our church new year.

🔔The Bells of Kirkpatrick🔔 Will play on Dec. 4 and on Christmas Eve.

Vacation Days: Chris, our office admin, will be off on Fridays in December.

Pastor Marie will be off on Sunday, January 1.

Christmas Eve Worship: 5:30 pm in person & zoom

Sunday, Dec 25 Worship: Pre-recorded provided by Presbytery, details to be announced. No in-person or Zoom on Christmas Day.

Coming in January: "Souper Sunday" Congregational Luncheon

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Announcements

Please join us for coffee after worship today in the connector.

Food Ministry: We gave out 31 boxes of Thanksgiving Groceries this year. We were so fortunate this year by the generosity of people. Members of our congregation donated money, completed boxes with turkeys or hams and bags of food. We got donations from Living Waters Lutheran Church, The Women's Auxiliary at the firehouse, Brownie Troop 81201 at West Amwell School, Athletes in Action, Orlando's Restaurant, The Honor Society at South, Larison's Corner Presbyterian Church, pies donated by ShopRite, Lambertville Baptist Church and people who just put food in our Blessing Box or the container by the side door. Thank you to everyone who has donated and/or helped with this ministry. This has truly become a community project. Everyone is so glad to help. We have gotten so many donations that we are in terrific shape for Christmas and most of these organizations are continuing to collect for us. Thank you for all you do to support this ministry.

Our Boy Scout Troop #65 will be participating in two fundraisers over the holidays: Wreaths Across America and ShopRite Gift Cards. We can help them by sponsoring (purchasing) wreaths that will be laid on the graves of veterans at Rosemont Cemetery on December 17th and by purchasing gift cards that can be used at any ShopRite store. The forms for both programs are on the table. Once completed please drop them off for Chris in the church office or give them to Roger Pickard. Thanks for your help in supporting the scouts in our troop.

Christmas Giving This year the mission committee is reaching out to support the families who use the services of The Friendship Center for New Beginnings in Flemington with gift cards to either Shoprite or Wal-Mart. These gift cards are favored gifts for the families and can be used for a variety of needed items. Our contacts at The Friendship Center ask that cards be in the amount of \$10.00. The mission committee is asking that donations of these gift cards be either placed in the offering plate on Sundays or mailed directly to the church by December 7. Once they are all collected they will be delivered to the Friendship Center for distribution. The timing for donation of the gift cards is limited, but the ease for the purchasing of these helpful gifts is great. Please consider becoming a part of this **Christmas Giving** opportunity.

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