

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn



**The First Sunday of Advent
Communion Sunday**

**Sunday, December 1, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645*

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Minute For Mission

Lighting The Advent Candles

Barret, Emily & Bennett Kaltz

Leader: From deep in the past, Jeremiah calls to us, “The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah” (Jeremiah 33:14). Beloved, the days are surely coming when the yearning of the land; the longing of the sun, moon, and stars; the desperate need of the people of earth for flourishing and peace will receive their fulfillment.

People: **While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to watch and wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice and consent to God’s grace already at work in our midst.**

Leader: We light this candle of hope as a sign of our commitment to pay attention and prepare for the days that are surely coming and are already here—the days when God’s kingdom of love, justice, and mercy will reign.

***Hymn #88** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 1,6, and 7)*

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we confess that we are busy with many preparations. We are busy with parties, with feasts, with giving. We are busy cleaning house and wrapping presents. We are busy with the stuff of the holiday. And we confess that our busyness may be misplaced, that we spend more time preparing for things than preparing for You. Draw us back to the center, which is You. Remind us that our hearts and souls have work to do, too. Enable us to let go of that which does not matter, and to see what does matter. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

(A time of silent, personal prayer.)

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: God’s forgiveness gives us joy. Let us share the joy with one another. Friends, the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.** *(Please greet your neighbors in the ways you are comfortable)*

***Response #91** *Come, Come Emmanuel*

Prayer of Illumination

Gospel Reading Luke 23:1-5

Children's Message

Old Testament Reading Daniel 6:6-27

Sermon *Same Old Lions?*

***Hymn #106** *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

***Affirmation of Faith:** (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Gloria Patri #581** *Glory Be to the Father*

Call to Offering

Offertory *Daniel, Daniel* *Undine S. Moore*

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(prayer continues)

Sanctus #552

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.*

(prayer continues)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Communion of the People Please partake of the elements as soon as you are served.

Communion Hymn #527 *Eat This Bread*

Prayer after Communion

***Sending Hymn #93** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

***Benediction**

Postlude *Toccata on Veni Emmanuel* Samuel Metzger

Participating in this morning's service are Rev. Tom James;
Liturgist Rev. Don Wright; Children's Ministry Director Emily Kaltz,
Organist and Music Director *David Stultz*,
The Sanctuary Choir

Community Game Night

Friday, December 13th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

\$10 Entry fee for Dinner
(Pizza, Veggies, Beverages and Dessert)
and Table Games. (ie: Mexican Train, Euchre, Scrabble, Sequence, etc) We will also hold a Euchre Tournament (\$5 Entry fee with Cash Prizes.) No need to sign up, but **Please join us and bring a friend!**



Poinsettia Order/Touch of Hope Donation



To order a poinsettia or make a donation to Touch of Hope in memory or honor of a loved one, fill out the form, located in the bulletin, and place it, with your payment or donation, in the basket in the Narthex.

The Deadline for ordering is Monday, December 16th.

Book of the Every Other Month Club

Take a break from the holiday bustle and spend some time with a good novel! We are reading *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride to discuss at our January 11th meeting. Named the best book of 2023 by the editors of Amazon, and voted one of the best books of the 21st century by readers of the New York Times Book Review, this is “an irresistible novel-profound as it is ingeniously entertaining”. Enjoy, and come join us on January 11th at 10 AM in the North Parlor.

All are welcome--come join us!

Calendar

Sunday, December 1

Communion by Intinction Sunday

No Nursery

9:00 a.m. Adult Education

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

11:15 a.m. Hanging of the Greens

Monday, December 2

6:00 p.m. Mat Making for the Homeless

Tuesday, December 3

7:00 p.m. Worship & Arts

Wednesday, December 4

10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Treasure Chest

12:00 p.m. Bulletin and Media Deadline

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 5

10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

Saturday, December 7

Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 8

9:00 a.m. Adult Education

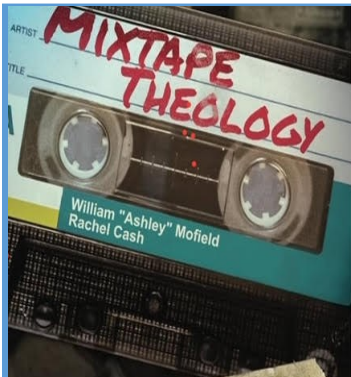
9:45 a.m. Nursery

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

11:15 a.m. Cookie Walk

11:30 a.m. Family Lunch

3:00 p.m. Music Medley Concert



Adult Education

Join the Adult Education group Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. as we look at 90's Contemporary Christian Music and Culture. This is a light hearted study and discussion based on the 90's CMM. Join us as we walk down memory lane.

NAME TAG MINISTRY

For those still in need of a church name tag, forms are available in the narthex that can be filled out and submitted in the offering plate or given directly to Dave Smith, who has taken over this ministry from Bud Cashwell.

Today, and throughout advent, we are participating in the traditional Presbyterian Christmas Joy offering. Special envelopes available in the Narthex.

Annual Christmas Dinner

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn
Sunday, December 15, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

NOEL: A Christmas Festival

Featuring: The Dearborn Big Band

Dinner catered by Szegeði's

Donation: \$20.00 adult \$10.00 children

Tickets on sale in the narthex or contact

Jane Mykytenko

313-657-2776



Announcements

FPCD CHOIR MEMBERS— Choir rehearsals will continue to meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. We are looking for instrumentalists to perform on Sundays. If you have a hidden talent you haven't shared or have a family member or friend who would like to play in a church worship service, please let us know! All are welcome to join us! Thanks for your support! David Stultz

Our Stewardship Campaign for 2025 is from Acts 4:32-33: "Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul... and great grace was upon them all" (NRSV). Please pray over this passage in the coming weeks as we launch our campaign: **Our greatest gift to the world is our joy!**

PW Women Invitation to First Farmington Presbyterian Church Christmas Program— PW women are invited to FFPC for their Christmas Program on December 11th at 10:00 a.m. We can carpool from FPCD leaving at 9:00 a.m. A donation of \$5.00 will cover the cost of the program and snacks Please RSVP to Jane Mykytenko.

Cookie Walk— On Sunday, December 8, 2024, the First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn PW will host its annual Christmas Cookie Walk, commencing immediately after the worship service. Participants are invited to contribute cookies and aid in packaging on Saturday, December 7th at 10:00 a.m.

FOOD PACKING UPDATE—We were able to keep one-third of the food we packaged two weeks ago for us to distribute locally. This amounted to 20 boxes, each containing 36 packaged bags. To date, 4 boxes (144 bags) have been delivered to the Cherry Hill Presbyterian pantry, 4 boxes to Good Shepherd Methodist pantry, and 4 boxes to Allen Park Presbyterian pantry. This leaves us with 8 boxes remaining to be distributed. Thanks again for your generous support!- Jeremy M. Hughes, Ph.D



***Family Lunch—Sunday, December 8, at 11:30 a.m.
Mitchell Hall***

Come join us for good food and fellowship!



2024-2025 PW/HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Thursday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. where Charlie Aronson and Jane Mykytenko lead our discussions. Our Bible Study is "Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation." In this study we will investigate justice issues addressing a variety of topics: Environmental Justice, Land Justice, Food Justice, Water Justice, Air Quality, Climate Change, Economic Climate Justice, Intergenerational Justice, Sustaining Creation's Health for All.



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Come Home to God's Love

Elders

Class of 2025

Jim Barber
Jo Ann Cashwell
Bill Leslie
Bob Missler

Class of 2026

Jeremy Hughes
Jane Mykytenko
Nancy Slanec
Laura Thormann

Class of 2027

Joel DeHamer
Karen Fink
Elissa Osborne
Janet Witkowski

Clerk of Session

Jim Barber

Deacons

Class of 2025

Charlie Aronson
Bud Cashwell
David Smith
Jan Smith

Class of 2026

Karen Fuller
Dorinda Hughes
JoAnn Isaacson
Olimpia Todor

Class of 2027

Nancy Barber
Lynn Campbell
Dottie Kennedy
Sallie Pray

Church Staff

Rev. Tom James, *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Donald A. Wright, *Pastor Emeritus*
Emily Kaltz, *Children's Ministries Director*
David Stultz, *Organist and Music Director*
Chris Mayer, *Parish Nurse*
Wendy Palmer, *Custodial Staff*
Amanda Rains, *Business Administrator*
Tamera Metiva, *Office Administrator*

Church Office hours: Mon-Thurs 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.