

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn



The Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 8, 2024

10:00 a.m.

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude *Partita Wachet Auf, Ruft Uns Die Stimme*

Hugo Distler

Welcome and Announcements

Minute For Mission

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill my promise to my people.

People: Justice and righteousness will fill the land and all will live in peace and safety.

***Hymn #82** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live complacently, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.

(A time of silent, personal prayer.)

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, Believe the good news: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: May the Lord guide your way, strengthen you in all holiness, and make you abound in love for one another and for all.

***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)

Lighting The Advent Candles

Dave and Sue Young

Leader: The prophet Malachi calls us to watch for the messenger God will send us, a messenger who burns with a passion for God's coming salvation. "For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness."

People: In a world that too often accepts violence and injustice, we choose to live with a passion for God's peace, to listen to those who call us to righteousness, and to submit ourselves to God's grace, that we might be refined and purified until we reflect God's love throughout the earth.

Leader: We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to passionately pursue the work of making peace in our hearts, our families, our communities, and throughout the earth until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven.

(Light the second candle of the Advent wreath.)

Calendar

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 Music Medley

Monday, December 9

11:00 a.m. Garden Club

Tuesday, December 10

1:00 p.m. Card Ministry Meeting
6:30 p.m. Outreach and Mission

Wednesday, December 11

10:00 a.m. Treasure Chest
12:00 p.m. Bulletin and Media Deadline
6:30 p.m. NAMI
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 12

10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women's
7:00 p.m. "Starting Again" Meeting

Friday, December 13

6:30 p.m. Family Game Night

Sunday, December 15

9:00 a.m. Adult Education
9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
6:00 p.m. Noel Night



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 Szegedi's
Donation: \$20.00 adult \$10.00 children
Tickets on sale in the narthex or contact
Jane Mykytenko 313-657-2776



The flowers in the
chancel this
morning are in loving
memory of the parents of
Jane and Andre Mykytenko.



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.



Announcements

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.

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— Today , 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.

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 11 th meeting. Named the best book of 2023 by the editors of Amazon, and voted one of the best books of the 21 st 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 11 at 10 AM in the North Parlor.*

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.



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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.