

## ***Announcement and Concerns of the Church***

**Prayer List:** Mary Black, family of Jean Browning (mother of Leigh Ann Anderson), Nathalie Givens, Paul Langford (Dot Langford's brother-in-law and Leigh Anne Martin's uncle), Laura Holt McCann, Meg and Bob Omer, Kaki Peaslee, Mary Lee Reese, Doug Ross, Whitney Wolford (friend of the Baileys)

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- ◆ Our church will once again participate in our yearly **Angel Tree Outreach** to provide Christmas gifts to deserving families through Social Services. As we have done the last several years, we will accept donations and Ginnie Phillippe and Verna Shuey will purchase gift certificates to be given to Social Services. If you wish to participate, please put a separate donation check to Fincastle Presbyterian Church. **Today is the last Sunday for this opportunity!**
- ◆ Don't forget the **Bible Study** "*The Case for Christmas*" by Lee Strobel, led by Lyn Burton, Mondays at 10:00 am through December 5. You have 2 more opportunities to join in!
- ◆ On December 4, we will have our **Lessons and Carols** Service, Communion and a Covered Dish Potluck after Services.
- ◆ We welcome **Lori Turner** as our guest music leader/pianist today.
- ◆ No one is currently signed up for Fellowship for Sunday, December 11, and for the rest of the month? Do you feel called to help? Sign up on the calendar downstairs!
- ◆ **Poinsettia Sign-up** is here. Cost for each is \$15. Place your order by **December 15**. Make check payable to Fincastle Presbyterian church and put "poinsettia" in memo line. Place your separate check in offering and complete the sign up sheet on the table in the hallway.
- ◆ Yes! We will be doing a **Christmas Joy** special offering this year. This offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families and helps develop our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges. Watch for more information on this!!



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# Service for the Lord's Day

## First Sunday of Advent

November 20th, 2022—10:30 am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude *"Celestial Choir / Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*  
*F. Chopin / Charles Wesley*

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the 1st Advent Calendar The Alan Brenner Family

Call to Worship: (Isaiah 35:3,4)

**One:** Let us worship God. O God, "strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees."

**Many:** "Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do  
not fear! Here is your God.' "

**All:** " 'He will come and save you!' "  
Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: #190 *"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"*

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Call to Confession:

**One:** Let us confess our sin.

**Many:** **Trusting God's promised mercy.**

Prayer of Confession: (unison) (Psalm 51, adapted)

**O God of the future,**

**You are coming in power to bring nations under your rule. We  
confess that we have not expected your Kingdom. We have lived  
casual lives, and ignored your promised judgement. Judge us, O  
God, for we have been slow to serve you. Forgive us, for the sake  
of your faithful servant Jesus, our Savior, whose triumph we want  
and eagerly wait for.**

Silent Confession: **Amen.**

Kyrie: Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have  
mercy upon us. #823



Assurance of Pardon:

**One:** Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ.

**Many:** **And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in  
power for us, Christ prays for us.**

**All:** **Let us hear and believe the good news of the gospel: God is  
love. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Be reconciled to God  
our Father.**  
**Amen.**

Gloria Patri: **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy  
Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer.

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Offering and Thanksgiving Offering

Offertory Anthem *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*  
Kathleen Thomerson

Doxology: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures  
here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father,  
Son and Holy Ghost. Amen #808**

Prayer of Dedication

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Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: p. 587 (Pew Bible) Isaiah 2:1-5

Hymn: #311 *"God Has Spoken by His Prophets"*

New Testament Reading: p. 859-860 (Pew Bible) Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon: "In Times of Darkness,  
Jesus calls us to 'Keep awake! Be Ready' "

Moment for Meditation: *"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*  
Arr. Randall Hartsell

Profession of Faith: #14 Apostle's Creed

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Hymn: #745 *"Jesus Shall Reign"*

Closing Prayer

Charge and Blessing

Postlude: *"We'll Understand It Better By and by"*  
L.A. Tindley

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## Isaiah 2:1-5

<sup>1</sup> The word which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

and shall be raised above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,

<sup>3</sup> and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

<sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

## Matthew 24:36-44

<sup>36</sup> "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.

<sup>37</sup> As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of man.

<sup>38</sup> For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark,

<sup>39</sup> and they did not know until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of man.

<sup>40</sup> Then two men will be in the field; one is taken and one is left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding at the mill; one is taken and one is left.

<sup>42</sup> Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

<sup>43</sup> But know this, that if the householder had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have let his house be broken into.

<sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

## #190 Songs of Thankfulness And Praise

1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,  
once revealed, when heaven's star  
brought the wise men from afar;  
Branch of royal David's stem  
in your birth at Bethlehem,  
Word before the world began,  
God revealed to us in man.

2 God revealed at Jordan's stream,  
prophet, priest and king supreme,  
once revealed in power divine  
changing water into wine:  
Cana's holy wedding guest  
keeping to the last the best,  
Word before the world began,  
God revealed to us in man.

3 God revealed in valiant fight,  
conquering the devil's might,  
sins forgiven, sickness healed,  
life restored and God revealed:  
once revealed in gracious will  
ever bringing good from ill,  
Word before the world began,  
God revealed to us in man.

4 Stars shall fall and heavens fade,  
sun and moon shall dark be made;  
Christ will then like lightning shine,  
all will see the glorious sign:  
all will then the trumpet hear,  
all will see the Son appear,  
Word before the world began,  
God revealed to us in man.

## #311 God Has Spoken by His Prophets

1 God hath spoken by the prophets,  
spoken the unchanging Word,  
each from age to age proclaiming  
God the one, the righteous Lord.  
In the world's despair and turmoil  
one firm anchor holds us fast:  
God is king, his throne eternal,  
God the first, and God the last.

2 God hath spoken by Christ Jesus,  
Christ, the everlasting Son,  
brightness of the Father's glory,  
with the Father ever one;  
spoken by the Word incarnate,  
God of God, ere time was born;  
Light of Light, to earth descending,  
Christ, as God in human form.

3 God is speaking by his Spirit,  
speaking to our hearts again;  
in the age-long Word expounding  
God's own message, now as then.  
Through the rise and fall of nations  
one sure faith yet standing fast:  
God abides, his Word unchanging,  
God the first, and God the last.

## #745 Jesus Shall Reign

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom spread from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and endless praises crown his head;  
his name like sweet perfume shall rise  
with every morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.

4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns;  
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blessed.

5 Let all the people rise and bring  
their special honors to our King;  
angels descend with songs again  
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

