

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR DEC. 1, 2024

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE ○ Come, ○ Come, Emmanuel arr. Teresa Wilhelm

INTROIT 103 Come Now, ○ Prince of Peace ○-So-So

Gathering Around The Word

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE Jane Evans, George Joplin, & John Joplin

*RESPONSE 85 Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah TIF IN VELDELE

Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.

He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Jer. 33:14–16

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

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

*HYMN 88 ○ Come, ○ Come, Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL

CALL TO CONFESSION from Luke 21:25–36

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) from Ps. 25:4–6

Lord, have mercy on us.

We are not ready for your coming.

We live in sin,

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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON from 1 Thess. 3:9–13

One: Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ you are
forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

*PASSING THE PEACE

We invite you to share the peace of Christ with others.

*RESPONSE 581 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.

*for portions marked with an asterisk, you're invited to rise in body or spirit

Listening To the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD from Ps. 25:1–10

FIRST READING JEREMIAH 33:14-16

(The scripture readings can be found on the back of the bulletin)

SECOND READING LUKE 21:25-36

SERMON "Straighten Up!" Rev. David Holden

Responding to the Word

*HYMN 82 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 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;

on 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 life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OUR PRAYERS

See prayer concerns list, back page

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord!

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

- prayer continues -

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung) laminated sheet in pew pocket

SHARING THE FEAST

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM

(Give online @ bit.ly/FPCSomersetGive or scan the code on the yellow pew card)

OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, you heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God Sends Us Forth

*HYMN 105 People, Look East BESANCON

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*BLESSING

HYMN 103 Come Now, ○ Prince of Peace (vrs.1) ○-So-So

POSTLUDE

Visiting today? Welcome!

Please tell us about yourself! You can scan
this QR code with your smartphone to fill
out our online form, or fill out a pew card
and drop it in the offering plate.



This Week

TODAY! Dec. 1 @ 12:00pm - Presbyterian Women Quarterly Meeting

Wed., Dec. 4 @ 10:30am - Presbyterian Women Bible Study

Wed., Dec. 4 @ 5:30pm - Hanging of the Greens & Chili Supper

Wed., Dec. 4 @ 6:30pm - Choir practice

Thur., Dec. 5 @ 4:00pm - Spiritual Formation Meeting

Fri., Dec. 6 @ 7:30am - Men's Breakfast @ Bob Evan's Restaurant

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Naomi Judy

Ushers.....Marshall Judy & Kim King

Audio.....Paul Guffey

Video.....Sue Guffey

Coffee Plus.....Suzanne Kidd

Scripture Reading—Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The 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. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Scripture Reading—Luke 21:25-36

²⁵There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place and to stand before the Son of Man."

Scripture verses taken from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

Shane Thurman; Baby S; Ed & Joyce Mick; Autumn Brock's mom, Marie; Jennifer Williams; Bill House; Leslie Phillips

Current Giving

	Rec'd month of Oct.	Needed Monthly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Pledged Offering	\$9,259	\$11,985	\$131,138	\$119,853
Non-Pledged	\$4,641	\$3,289	\$50,752	\$32,885

Blessing Box Attendant

This Week.....
Next Week.....Marshall Judy

Assisting In Worship Today

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....Paula Burlew
Ushers.....Troy Jamieson & Zack Vaught
Audio.....Mary Beth Waller
Video.....Jon Burlew
Coffee Plus.....Brenda Wesley
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Debby McDonald
Pastor.....Rev. David Holden

Deacons:

Linda Cook	Rebecca Davis	Sue Guffey
Don Haney	Nancy Holland	Marshall Judy
	Marci Randall	

Elders:

<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>
Charles Leveridge	Sharon Mandt	Jo Salmon
Zack Vaught	Perry Waller	Laura Wright

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The First Sunday of Advent



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People of God, Welcome Home!

May Christ's peace and presence fill your heart as you worship this day, and may you go forth with the light and love of God shining within you.

We welcome you to worship, and ask that any electronic devices be placed on silent so that all may hear what God has to say.