



November 28, 2021



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First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

Liturgist: Bailey Timmons

10:00 AM

*Those who are able, please stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship and Lighting the Advent Wreath

We are waiting. We are frustrated and tired. So much of our world seems caught in turmoil.

The financial situation is bleak, and violence is all around us.

The darkness closes in on us. Where is the hope?

In the darkness God lights the first candle of Advent.

The divine word is sent to a young teen in a little land in the Mideast.

Women: "I'm going to bring a new life into this world, to bring about change, to offer love and salvation."

Men: What will be her answer? We listen with bated breath.

All: "Let it happen as you say, O God. May the fruit of my womb bring good news to us all!"

Choral Response

One Candle is Lit

(To the tune: Away in a Manger ~ no.115)

Come surely, Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night,

Our hearts long to greet you, as roses, the light.

Salvation draw near us, our vision engage.

One candle is lit for the hope of the age.

Prayer of the Day

*Hymn #357

The Days Are Surely Coming

Prayer of Confession

Surprising God, Forgive our sleepiness in the presence of your splendor. Forgive us if we yawn when you present us with life-changing possibilities. Forgive us for abandoning hope so quickly, and expecting the same old thing in the same old way. Forgive us for underestimating your power to do a new thing. Awaken us to your holy, hopeful presence. Awaken us so we may watch and wait for you, Lord Jesus Christ. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

(Please share the gift of the Prince of Peace with one another!)

Sacred Space

Moment for Mission

Prayer for Illumination and Understanding

Hebrew Scripture Jeremiah 33:14-16

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Special Music

Gospel Luke 21:25-36

Meditation Astronomy and Fig Trees Rev. Gretchen Schneider

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

God of hope,

Hear this prayer

Prayers of the People

Jesus' Prayer

Sharing Our Gifts

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Holy and Righteous God, we offer our gifts with humble hearts, knowing the need in your world is great and our gifts alone will never fill that need. We offer our gifts in hope that you will bless them and use them to help fulfill your purpose revealed in Jesus Christ, Savior of us all. Amen

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

***Charge and Benediction**

***Congregational Response #772** Live Into Hope
(Stanzas 1 and 4 only)

***Postlude**



Presbyterian Women Christmas Party

Sarah Circle will be hosting the annual PW Christmas party on

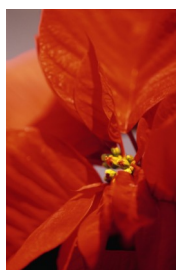
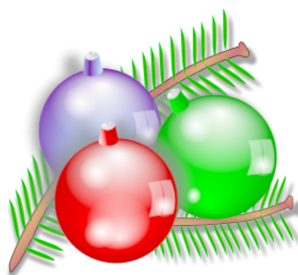
Sunday, December 12 following worship.

ALL members of Sarah and Hope circles, spouses, friends and significant others are welcome.

We will have lunch at **The Grill** and then return to the multipurpose room at the church.

We will have an ornament auction, so please bring a wrapped ornament to be auctioned off.

Hope to see you then!



An order form for Advent Christmas decorations is included in the bulletin. Deadline for donations is December 12.



PW helping Angel Connection

During the month of December, PW will be collecting socks for Angel Connection.

Fill the socks with candy and small items.

Bring them to the church by **TODAY!**



Men of Christ Angel Tree



Help the CPC family make Christmas happy for three local area families. After November 28, here are five easy steps:

- 1) Pick a gift tag from the tree in the Narthex
- 2) Buy and wrap the gift
- 3) Add your personal gift tag
- 4) Add the **original** gift tag **by taping the yarn part onto the present**
- 5) Bring to church by **December 12**

If you would prefer to make a cash donation, place it in an envelope and identify it for the Angel Tree.



Congregational Meeting



Sunday December 12
following service
For election of officers



November

Roger Howard 11/28

Steve Karch 11/30

December

Marguerite Hunter 12/4

Carol Fleshood 12/5

Jeanette Abramo 12/6

Becky Floetker 12/7

**If Pastoral Care is needed,
Pastor Gretchen Schneider
Can be reached at
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Christ Presbyterian Church wants God to be a vital part of our lives as we reach out to our community and we embrace the following Vision Statement:

**We believe that God is calling us
to be the open arms,
the healing hands,
and the loving hearts of the body
of Christ in our community.**



**Like us on
Facebook**
@ChristPresbyChurch

**Please take a
Membership
information form
[in the narthex]
and update your family's
information. If you
prefer, you can access your profile at
the church's website
www.christpresby.org and go to the
"member portal" on the member page.**



REMEMBER IN PRAYERS

At Home:

Miki Bean



In Hospital, Nursing Home & Assisted Living Centers:

Ann McFate @ Wyndmoor of Castleton,
Indpls., IN 46250

Mary Alice Beaumont @ American
Village

Shirley Tichenor @ Westminster Village
11050 Presbyterian Dr. Apt. 4103;
46236 phone 317-823-6841 ***NEW
APT AND PHONE**

Mary Ann Shearrow Traditions Assisted
Living

Betty Burney @ Independence Village
9745 Olympia Drive Room #316;
Fishers, IN 46037 Phone 317-913-
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December 2021

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January 2022

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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30	31					

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 28	29	30	Dec 1	2	3	4
			7:00pm Deacon Meeting (Education Room)	1:00pm PW Coordinating Team (Education Room)		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
11:00am CE Commission (Education Room)	7:00pm Troop 88 (Education and MP Room)	12:00pm Stewardship Commission (The Grill) 1:00pm Needlecrafters (MP Room)		7:30pm Sarah Circle (Education Room)		9:00am Men of Christ (Lincoln Square) 10:00am Raingutter Regatta (MP Room)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
11:00am Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary) 11:30am Circle Christmas Party (The Grill for meal then MP	7:00pm Troop 88 (Education and MP Room)	10:30am Hope Circle (Education Room) 6:30pm Crystal Pointe HOA (Education 7:00pm Session Meeting				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
11:00am Worship Commission Meeting (Education Room) 4:30pm Christmas Caroling to Shut Ins	7:00pm Troop 88 (Education and MP Room)	11:30am Prime Timers (MP Room)			Christmas Eve (United States)	Christmas Day (United States)
26	27	28	29	30	31	Jan 1, 22
	7:00pm Troop 88 (Education and MP Room)	1:00pm Knit & Natters (Teen Room)			New Year's Eve (United States)	

Angel Connection Needs These Items

Angel Connection is one of four pantry's filling snack bags for the middle schools. Each pantry will take a month. The nee

Food Drive



small individual snack items.

(Granola bars; chips; pudding cups; fruit cups; candy; gum; crackers; cereal)

NOTHING that requires a can opener. The bags will be sent home with the children on Fridays.

Calendar for Week of November 28

Sunday 11/28

First Sunday of Advent

10 AM Worship

Monday 11/29

7 PM Troop 88 — MP & Education Rooms

Wednesday 12/1

7 PM Deacons — Education Room

Thursday 12/2

1 PM PW Coordinating Team — Education Room

Sunday 12/5

10 AM Worship
11 AM CE Commission — Education Room



November 21

\$16,455

Year to Date

\$163,411*

***includes \$27.072 PPP**



Thank you to Jamie Strebing and her diligent crew for getting the sanctuary prepared for advent.



Pledge Commitment Progress

To date a total of

\$105,954

has been pledged for 2022.

If you haven't returned your pledge card, or need another one see Bill Schofield or Beth King.

Thank you to those of you who have already made your pledge.

Welcome to CPC CONNECT WITH US

Please let us know who you are and how we can help you. Please tear off this sheet, fill it in and place in the offering basket.

Today's Date: _____

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

How did you hear about us: _____

[] First Visit [] Address change [] Connect Me:

Please check all that apply:

- ☐ I'd like to speak to the pastor
- ☐ I'd like more information about programs for children & youth
- ☐ I'm interested in joining a small group
- ☐ I'd like to receive the newsletter
- ☐ I'd like to be on the church's mailing list
- ☐ I'd like to help; please have someone contact me to learn about my passions and skills
- ☐ I'd like to attend the next membership class
- ☐ Other (please tell us): _____

We will keep this information in confidence.