

Worship for the Lord's Day

November 29, 2009 - First Sunday in Advent
10:00 AM

*An asterisk * indicates standing, as you are able.
The congregation's responses are in **bold italics**.*

The Church is Gathered

Welcome The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Announcements Please see the bulletin insert for all announcements.

Prelude *Sleepers, Wake a Voice is Calling* arr. J. S. Bach

In order to prepare for worship, you are invited to pray silently during the prelude.

Choral Introit *Advent Song* Supplement #2090

To Praise God's Name

Lighting of the Advent Wreath — *The Hope Candle*

The Mabry Family

Call to Worship based on Psalm 25:1-10

To thee, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

***O my God, in thee I trust, let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.***

Yea, let none that wait for thee be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

***Make me to know thy ways, O Lord;
teach me thy paths.***

Lead me in thy truth, and teach me,
for thou art the God of my salvation.

***Be mindful of thy mercy, O Lord, and of thy steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.***

Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore God instructs sinners in the way.
The Lord leads the humble in what is right.

***All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep God's covenant and God's testimonies.***

* **Hymn** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Hymnal #1

Unison Prayer of Confession from: Refreshing Rains of the Living Word

All-embracing God, we marvel at your attention to our individual needs. You know the cares that weigh us down and the snares that captivate us. Grant us strength to escape the evil around us and to turn away from the wrong that we originate or allow. We confess that we have missed the signs of your presence as the earth's foundations shake. Our vision is narrow and uninspired. Intervene to save us and all your children. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

* **Song of Praise** *Gloria Patri* Hymnal #579

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.

Response Forgiveness is ours in Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

Choral Anthem *Love Has Come* arr. Lloyd Larson

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ is with you. **And also with you.**

To Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading *Jeremiah 33:14-16* p.683

Message for Children

After the children's message all children through the 2nd grade are invited to depart for Children's Church.

New Testament Reading *I Thessalonians 3:9-13* p.1030

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *An Overpowering Sense of Longing*

To Thank God

- * **Hymn** *People, Look East* **Hymnal #12**
- * **Profession of Faith** *Apostles' Creed* **Hymnal p.14**

Prayers by and for the People · The Lord's Prayer

Offering *Jesus Comes With Clouds Descending* Thomas Olivers

During the offertory, you are invited to offer silent prayers of gratitude.

- * **Song of Thanksgiving** *Doxology* **Hymnal #592**

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.

- * **Prayer of Dedication**

To Depart to Serve God

- * **Hymn** *Spirit* **Hymnal #319**

*(Vs. 5) You meet our deep longing
You soothe all our pains
For you know how our hearts ache
For the Peace that sustains
So grant us Thy patience
To wait for The One
With great expectation
We wait for Your Son*

- * **Charge and Benediction**

- * **Congregational Amen** **Hymnal #537 vs. 2**

Postlude *Watchman, Tell us of the Night* Joseph Parry

Announcements

The **Lay Reader** today are **John & Faith Marí Tucker**.

Circle I meets this Tuesday at 10:00 AM in the parlor.

The **Presbyterian Men** will meet for our monthly men's lunch this Tuesday, Dec. 1, at the Main Street Emporium at 11:45 AM.

The Ministry Within the Congregation Committee will be sponsoring an **Advent Workshop** for children ages 4 to 12 on this Saturday, December 5, from 9:00 AM-Noon in the fellowship hall. Please sign up on the bulletin board next to the church office.

The **Adult Study Group** (Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins we Tolerate by Jerry Bridges) will not meet during the month of December. The study will resume January 10th.

As is our tradition, our church will again host a **Christmas Party** for the clients at the **Otter River Resource Center** (formerly the Sheltered Workshop). It will be Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 1:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the office if you are able to provide party food items.

Please return **Angel Tree gifts** to the church by December 13th, with the paper angel secured to the outside of the package.

The beautiful **decorations in our sanctuary** add so much to our worship during the Advent and Christmas season. If you would like to support this endeavor, and at the same time offer tribute or a memorial to someone special to you, you can do so for a \$10 donation. If you want to donate a **poinsettia** and take it with you after the service on Christmas Eve, please sign up on the bulletin board next to the office. We will need eight. Other donations will be used for the wreaths on the doors, the greenery, roping and the window decorations. Please make checks payable to APC and mark the check "Christmas Decorations". All money should be turned in no later than Sunday, Dec. 13.

Schedules

Ushers, December	Margaret Liebchen, Christine Oliver Anne & Erika Mabry
Greeters, December	David & Anne Mabry
Lay Reader, December 13	Jennifer McCrickard
Lay Reader, December 20	Debbie Berger
Nursery, December 13	Rob Gilliam
Nursery, December 20	Allison Mabry
CC Teacher, Dec.	Stephanie Moehlenkamp & Jenny Roark
CC Assistant, Dec. 13	Sang-il Lee
Youth Group Helper, Dec. 13	Alline Rogers
Youth Meal Preparer Dec. 13	Dana Taylor

Daily Scripture Readings

Theme: **Waiting and Watching** Psalm of the week: **97**

MONDAY	Luke 1:67-80	THURSDAY	Isaiah 43:1-13
TUESDAY	Colossians 1:9-23	FRIDAY	Hebrews 10:11-25
WEDNESDAY	Mark 1:1-8	SATURDAY	Zephaniah 3:14-20

Weekly Calendar

Sun., Nov. 29	Adult Sunday School Worship/Children's Church	9:00 AM 10:00 AM
Wed., Dec. 2	Prayer Fellowship - Pastor's Study Second Helping Lunch Choir Practice	9:30 AM 11:00-12:30 PM 5:30 PM
Sun., Dec. 6	Adult Sunday School Worship/Children's Church Youth Group Meeting	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM

Joys and Concerns for Prayer 11/29/09

- Pastor Bob Button and his ministries
- The session and the staff
- All the Committee members.
- Our Youth Groups
- Help to grow in the grace and knowledge of God, and to share the Good News with others this year.
- Those who are lonely and those in need
- Financial uncertainty and the unemployed
- Hospice patients and caregivers.
- Dan Kauffman, recent surgery.
- Elizabeth Brocklenhurst, Geraldine Kauffman's sister; Lucy Irvine, Mary Woodie's sister; and Herman Shelton, Darrell Shelton's Father, for health concern.
- Health (Gary Alley, Cayla Coalson, Mollie Cofflin, Tim Coleman, Nancy Cummings, Dianne Emmett, Dante Erk, Tim Fenn, Steve Graham, Diane Janiak, Barbara Hare, Elizabeth Hawkins, Marie Hoffman, Tim Howdyshell, Brenda Hunt, Hannah Johnson, Ralph Liebchen, Phil and Carol Wills McCartney, Betty Sue Moehlenkamp, Darnell Moorman, Conner Niblett, Nancy Pittard, Bob and Ellen Ragsdale, Charles Thomas, John Trotti, John Tuck, Heath Tuttle, Kathy Woodall)
- Leaders in the town, county, state, country and world.
- Military and their family (Robert Kinard, Jeremy Larkin, Grant Martin, Joshua Wright)
- Our church mission projects.
- Missionaries: John and Julie Farmer with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, John and Beth Muehleisen with World Gospel Mission, and Paul and Reinhild Sydnor with the International Teams. (Their newsletters are posted on the bulletin board.)
- Residents in retirement homes and residential care (Thelma Blanchard, Joseph Eller, Francis Harvey, Ruth Knight, Wilmoth McClelland, Roy Tucker, Margaret Young)

People to Contact at APC

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