



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

9:00 am

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" Arranged by Aaron Shows

Opening Words Allison Maus

Introit

Watch and Wait

Office of Theology and Worship Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Ned Wetherald

Watch and wait for Christ's coming. Light candles of hope,
peace, joy, and love. Re-mem-ber-ing the pro-mis-es of God in prayer.
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Advent Candle Lighting Carolyn Bryant and Rick Bryant

***Hymn No. 92** "While We Are Waiting, Come"

Prayer of Preparation Amy Sten

Hearing the Word

First Scripture Reading Matthew 1:18-25 Amy Sten

Anthem "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Arranged by Teresa Jennings
Chrysalis, Olivia Mortimore, soloist

Time for Children Deannine Shipman
See "Children in Worship"

Song After Children's Time "Away in a Manager"
Hymn No. 114, v. 3

Second Scripture Reading Romans 1:1-7 John Porter

Sermon "Not Just a Season: Affective Engagement" John Porter

Responding to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith—The Apostle’s Creed—Page 35

*Hymn No. 82 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Welcome and Announcements

Reed Dressler

Pastor Visioning Team Update

Katherine Allen

Call to Offering

Reed Dressler

Offertory

“Rose of Bethlehem”
The Chancel Choir

Arranged by Keith Christopher

*Doxology

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Prayer of Dedication

Amy Sten

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Allison Maus

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Allison Maus

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn Medley

No. 119 “Hark! The Herald Angel Sing (verses 1 & 2)
No. 121 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (verses 1 & 4)
No. 110 “Love Has Come” (verses 1 & 2)

*Charge & Benediction

John Porter

*Sharing of the Peace

John Porter

Postlude

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Arranged by Kevin Hildebrand



Our 2022 Christmas Offering is going to support the children of Hekima Place in Kajiado, Kenya



Donate in a pew envelope, or online



HEKIMA PLACE

Christmas Party TODAY!

PATHWAYS AND OASIS children and youth Christmas Party will happen this SUNDAY during their class time.

Children and youth should be picked up at 11am from the Fireside Room!

Welcome Visitors & Guests

We are so glad you have joined us today. If you have questions about our church, our programs or activities offered here, stop by the Information Desk outside the Church Office.

Ushers this Morning:**Head Usher:** Jennifer Creighton**Ushers:** Scott Banfield, Curt Dell, Betty Macdonald, and Sharon Manno**Information Desk:** Jenny Van Hook**Communion Table Flowers:** The sunflowers on the Communion Table are in honor of Ukraine and her people.**Sanctuary Flowers:** The sanctuary flowers are in memory of my parents, Paul and Martha Frye given by Mary D'Ambrosia.**Greeters this Morning:****Fraser Street:** Carol and John Graham**Parking Lot:** Meg and Clark Moose**Coffee Hour:****Host:** Jamey Perry**Assisting:** Nikki Blake and Maggie Foster

Adult Offerings Today

December 18 ~ A Three Part Series ~ "What Are We Waiting For? Reflections on Advent" with Daniel Falk in Westminster Hall In the midst of trees, cookies, and Hallmark movies, the Christmas narrative is so familiar as to become a banal but warm and fuzzy children's story. It can be difficult to hear the dangerous and subversive messages that the Gospels of Matthew and Luke were telling.

"Connect" is an invitation to deepen your relationship with others and with God by contemplating scripture, lyrics, writing, poetry, and other topics. Come to Room 10, as you are to listen, share, grow, and be!

Advent Organ Recital

We are delighted to present our Advent Organ Recital Series again this year. The recitals are about 30 minutes and present a variety of organ music by several area organists. They are scheduled for 12:15 pm on Wednesdays, to give our Stay and Play parents time to pick up and clear the parking lot. Our organist on the 21st will be Mary Bahnfleth, from St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

2023 Pledges

It's not too late... to turn in your 2023 pledge card! As we head towards the end of the year and work on our 2023 budget, thank you to everyone who has made a pledge for the coming year. If you haven't turned yours in and would like to, you can return the pledge card mailed to you OR use our 2023 Online Pledge Form OR use our convenient QR code OR email Michelle (finadmscpc@gmail.com).



Christmas Dinner Volunteer Opportunities and Reservations DEADLINE TODAY!

There are many volunteer opportunities along with food donations available. Also—Reservations are open for a sit down dinner on Christmas day from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm. There is also an option for pick up and delivery. You can view the sign up geniuses via the QR codes below

or on our church website,
www.scpresby.org.
Red = Help
Green = Eat



Flower Chart for 2023

For anyone wanting to supply flowers for 2023 Sunday worship services, the new flower chart is now posted in the hallway between the sanctuary and the church office. Or you may call or email the church office at 814-238-2422 or officescpc@gmail.com.

Pastor Visioning Team

The Pastor Visioning Team continues to meet on a weekly basis. Their top priorities include:

- Tabulation of the survey results
- Scheduling listening/discussion sessions with church groups in January - In-person and online options will be available
- Final report/summary prepared for Session and the Pastor Nominating committee by end of January 2023

If you have questions, please contact any member of the team.

Sunday, December 18th

Christmas Dinner Reservations Deadline

- 8:30 am Childcare Available—Room 101
- **9:00 am Worship Service**
- Creative Movement & Music and Children and Worship—After the Children's Message
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour
- 10:00 am Exploration Hour for All Ages
- 10:15 am Adult Opportunities
- 10:30 am YoPro Bible Study—Tower Room
- 11:00 am Connect Lunch—Social Hall
- 4:00 pm Pastoral Visioning Team Meeting—Room 10

Monday, December 19th

Angel Tree Gift Distribution

- 11:00 am Stay and Play Christmas Play—Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm Stay and Play Advisory Team Meeting—Zoom
- 6:15 pm Scouts—Westminster Hall
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts o Room 10
- 7:00 pm Virtual Centering Prayer—Zoom

Tuesday, December 20th

- 8:00 am Building and Property Committee Meeting
- 9:00 am SMART Work Day
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Congregational Prayer Meeting—Zoom
- 12:00 pm Staff Christmas Lunch
- 4:30 pm LOGOS Christmas Eve Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study—Fireside Room

Wednesday, December 21st

- 12:00 pm Wednesday in the Word—Room 10
- 12:15 pm Advent Organ Recital
- 4:00 pm Blue Christmas Service—Grace Lutheran Church
- 6:00 pm FISH
- 8:15 pm POLO Women's Bible Study—Zoom

Thursday, December 22nd

- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, December 23rd

Stay and Play Closed

Saturday, December 24th

Hekima Christmas Offering Due

- 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Service led by LOGOS
- 7:00 pm Casual Christmas Eve Service
- 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Service led by the Chancel Choir

Sunday, December 25th

- **10:00 am Worship Service**
- 3:00 pm Christmas Dinner—Social Hall

Children in Worship

9:00 am Worship - Children of all ages are invited to come forward for the children's message. Following this time, children 3 years old by September 1, 2022, through grade 3, are welcome to leave for special programs.

Creative Movement and Music (Ages 3-K) meets in Westminster Hall.

Children and Worship (Grades 1,2, & 3) meets in Room 11. Unless parents make other arrangements, these children will be taken to their Pathways classrooms at the conclusion of these programs. Infant and Toddler Care (through age 3) are available in Room 101 throughout the morning.

Exploration Hour

PATHWAYS (Preschool and Elementary) meet in separate age groups, and begin around 10:00 am 3's,4's, and K meet in Room 103, main level - we provide a light snack to our pre schoolers.

1st- 5th Grade meet upstairs in Room 210

Once a month we will combine all children for a special MUSIC experience with our own Ned Wetherald.

THE OASIS (grades 6-12) meet in the Fireside Room at 10:15 am each Sunday, with both Middle School and High School ages together until the group grows too large!

For more information about the church and our programs please visit our website at scpresby.org

If you are an online attender we hope you will "sign the pew pad" virtually on Sunday mornings by texting "check in" during the welcome and announcement time so we know you're watching! The phone



number is:
833-234-1326.

To give via our Online Giving site, scan the QR Code.

