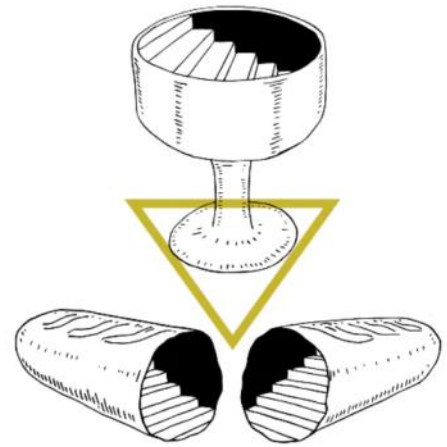




## First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

9:00 am



### Gathering Around the Word

**Prelude**

**Invitation to Attentiveness**

Allison Maus

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Navy Bauman

**Guided Reflection**

John Porter

“O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.” Psalm 34:8

“Cooking is not difficult. Everyone has taste, even if they don’t realize it. Even if you’re not a great chef, there’s nothing to stop you understanding the difference between what tastes good and what doesn’t” - Gerard Depardieu

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**Introit Hymn No. 90**

“Wait for the Lord”

**Prayer of Preparation**

Lynne Verity

**\*Hymn No. 87, v. 1 & 3**

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

### Hearing the Word

**First Scripture Reading**

Proverbs 24:10-14

Lynn Verity

**Anthem**

LOGOS 1st and 2nd Graders

**Children’s Time**

Deannine Shipman

**Song After Children’s Time Hymn No. 378 v. 4 “We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom”**

**Second Scripture Reading**

Matthew 24:36-44

John Porter

**Sermon**

John Porter

### Responding to the Word

**\*Hymn No. 83**

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

John Porter

Leader: God is calling us, inviting us, what is your answer?

**All: Like our sister Mary, we say yes**

**Yes to your favor, your presence, your blessing.**

**Yes that we are enough just as we are, where we are.**

**Yes to your calling and the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon us to fulfill it**

**Yes to bearing and birthing your Word and your Promises and your Kingdom in this time and place. Yes to all things being possible with you.**

**Like our sister Mary we say**

**Here I am, the Lord's humble servant.**

**Let it be done to me, in me, through me.**

**Like our sister Mary we sing and celebrate you O God,**

**For though we are your humble servants you have noticed us.**

**Announcements**

Reed Dressler

**Call to Offering**

Reed Dressler

Please place your written reflections in the offering plate.

**Offertory Anthem**

“O Taste and See”

by Mark Schwiezer

**Doxology Hymn No. 605**

“Praise to God the Father”

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Lynne Verity

**Holy Communion**

Invitation to the Table

Instructions

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give Thanks to the Lord our God.

**Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Breaking of the Bread

Pouring of Cup

Singing During Communion Hymn No. 520 “Taste and See”

Prayer following communion

**\*Hymn No. 360 v. 1,3,&4**

“Christ is Coming!”

**\*Charge**

John Porter

**\*Choral Response**

“Keep your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”

**\*Benediction**

Allison Maus

**Postlude**

For more information about the church and our programs please visit our website at [scpresby.org](http://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.



### Ushers this Morning:

**Head Usher:** Reed Miller

**Ushers:** Scott Banfield, Curt Dell, Betty Macdonald, and Sharon Manno

**Information Desk:** Laura Robinson

### Greeters this Morning:

**Fraser Street:** Nikki Blake

**Parking Lot:** Jamey Perry

**Coffee Hour:**

**Hosts:** Diana and Blair Malcom

**Sanctuary Flowers:** The sanctuary flowers are presented in loving memory of her parents, Bill and Reba Sheavly, given by Becky Thomas.



**Juniper Village Block Party**  
Multigenerational afternoon gathering for viewing worship, snacking, visiting, and singing.  
**TODAY**  
1:45-4:00 Building #1930  
and first Sundays, every other month

The poster features a central photograph of a group of people gathered around a table in a dining room, with colorful floral graphics around the text.

### Sunday Membership

#### Opportunity—Next Sunday!

Anyone interested in becoming a member of our church family is invited to the Martin Room after the worship service next Sunday at 10:15 am. You'll meet the pastor, several elders from our Session, and be received into membership if you wish. Questions? Contact Martha Trout at (marthascpc@gmail.com).

### Christmas Candlelight Service - Sunday, December 10, 4:00 pm

The Candlelight Choir and Orchestra will present a service of Lessons and Carols including traditional songs and new compositions from European, Appalachian, and African-American composers. (Child care provided)

### 2023 Christmas Dinner

The annual Christmas Day Dinner will take place this year with in-person dining in the Social Hall from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Reservations can be made online or by calling the church office, beginning December 1. Meal delivery, between 1:30 and 2:30 pm, is available only for those who are physically unable to attend in person. Please call the church office at 814-238-2422 to request delivery. The deadline for all reservations is December 17. Walk-ins will be accepted on a space-available basis.

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### Adult Education—Today at 10:15 am

Please join Pastor Allison for Adult Education in Westminster Hall on “Advent Images”. This will be discussion based reflection on the Advent story.

**Connect** - Room 10 is another adult offering to deepen your relationship with others and with God by contemplating scripture, lyrics, writing, poetry, and other topics of interest through small group discussions.

### Thank you Jonah!

Today we bid a fond farewell to Jonah Glunt who has contributed to the richness of our worship as our guest organist/pianist for the past three months. Watching him play has been fun and he has also been a fill-in tenor in the choir! Jonah received his undergrad in mechanical engineering and piano performance here at Penn State (a left and right brain in one person!). He presently is a PhD student in mechanical engineering. Pittsburgh is home. We thank Jonah for his music and wish him well and God-speed.

### Advent Attentiveness Art with Pastor Allison

During Sunday morning worship throughout Advent we will be paying attention to the ways God is preparing us and the world around us. We'll have a congregational offering each Sunday that will be incorporated into our candle banners at the front of our sanctuary. Help us add some paint to our candle banners each Wednesday of Advent (12/6,12/13,12/20) 7-8pm in the Social Hall. All skill levels and ages are invited to help create and reflect.

### Study Space

Study Space available 12/10 (noon-9pm) 12/11-13 (9am-9pm) in the Fireside Room. If you would like to support study space feel free to bring a snack to share with our students during their finals week studying.



## Sunday, December 3rd—1st Sunday of Advent

### **Communion Sunday**

- 8:30 am Childcare Available—Rm 102
- **9:00 am Worship Service**
- Children, Worship, & Song during worship—Rm 11
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour—Social Hall
- 10:00 am Pathways—Rm 210
- 10:15 am Adult Ed—Westminster Hall
- 10:15 am Connect—Rm 10
- 10:15 am Oasis—Fireside Rm
- 11:00 am Deacons' Meeting—Martin Rm
- 11:30 am Session Meeting—Westminster Hall
- 1:45 pm Juniper Block Party—Juniper Village
- 7:00 pm Candlelight Choir Rehearsal

## Monday, December 4th

- 6:00 pm Scout Troop Meeting—Westminster Hall
- 7:00 pm Education Ministry Unit Meeting—Zoom
- 7:00 pm Scouts Den Meeting—Rm 10 & 11
- 7:00 pm Virtual Centering Prayer—Zoom

## Tuesday, December 5th

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Congregational Prayer Meeting—Zoom
- 3:30 pm Presbytery Visioning Meeting—Martin Rm
- 4:00 pm LOGOS—Geckos
- 5:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting—Martin Rm
- 5:15 pm LOGOS—Chrysalis
- 7:30 pm Handbell Choir

## Wednesday, December 6th

- 12:00 pm Wednesday in the Word—Zoom/Fireside Rm
- 6:00 pm FISH
- 6:00 pm PNC Meeting—Rm 10
- 7:00 pm Advent Attentiveness Art—Social Hall
- 8:00 pm Women's Fellowship—Federal Taphouse

## Thursday, December 7th

- 6:00 pm Presbyterian Student Fellowship—Fireside Rm
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice
- 7:00 pm Men's Covenant Group—Martin Rm

## Friday, December 8th

- 11:30 am GIFT Book Club—Fireside Rm

## Saturday, December 9th

- 10:00 am Candlelight Choir Rehearsal

## Sunday, December 10th—2nd Sunday of Advent

### **Angel Tree Gifts Due**

- 8:30 am Childcare Available—Rm 102
- **9:00 am Worship Service**
- Children, Worship, & Song during worship—Rm 11
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour—Social Hall
- 10:00 am Pathways—Rm 210
- 10:15 am Adult Ed—Westminster Hall
- 10:15 am Connect—Rm 10
- 10:15 am Oasis—Fireside Rm
- 10:15 am YoPro Bible Study—Tower Rm
- 10:15 am Invitation to Join—Martin Rm
- 12:00 pm—9:00 pm Study Space—Fireside Rm
- 1:30 pm Youth Advisory Team Meeting—Zoom
- 4:00 pm Candlelight Service

## **Children in Worship**

**9:00 am Worship** - Infant and Toddler Care (through age 3) are available in Room 102 throughout the morning.

Children of all ages are invited to come forward for the children's message. Following this time, children 3 years old through 2nd grade, are welcome to join **Children, Worship & Song** which meets in Room 11 on the lower level.

Unless parents make other arrangements, these children will be taken to their Pathways classrooms at the conclusion of worship.

## **Exploration Hour**

**PATHWAYS (Age 3 to grade 5)** - From 10:00 am to 11:00 am, in room 210 on the upper level. This multi-age class is made to teach and accommodate all needs/ages. A pre-packaged snack will be served.

**THE OASIS (grades 6-12)** - From 10:15 am to 11:00 am, in the Fireside Room on the lower level. Oasis is a loving place where youth from grades 6-12 can have fun, feel accepted, and grow.

**YoPro Bible Study**—From 10:15 am to 11:15 am, in the Tower Room above the Sanctuary. We're a group of grad students and early career folks that are exploring the what's next season of life. We do some formal programming, but mostly we're a group of friends laughing, learning, and figuring out faith together.

**Adult Education**—From 10:15 am to 11:00 am, in Westminster Hall on the lower level. Adult Ed is a rotation of different offerings from our community.

**Connect**—From 10:15 am to 11:00 am, in Room 10 on the lower level. This is an adult offering to deepen your relationship with others and with God by contemplating scripture, lyrics, writing, poetry, and other topics of interest through small group discussions.

