

****Prayer of the Day**

The Lighting of the Advent Candle The Marsee Family

Unison Prayer

God, our hope is in you. Help us to listen to your word so that we may be ready to share the good news of Jesus with others. Thank you for the gifts of this season, for all the ways we can worship you and serve others while we wait. Amen

****Hymn 2**

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

****Call to Confession**

****Prayer of Confession**

Holy and attentive God, you have so much to say to us but our ears turn instead to cheaper sounds and the ever-present noise that distracts us. You have so much for us to learn but we are distracted by the glitter of new toys and the pursuit of the trivial that fills our time instead. Lead us, God of wonder, into times of silence so that we may hear and know your will for us. Forgive us for our inattentive ways and help us follow you more intently. Amen.

****Assurance of Forgiveness**

****Hymn *“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.”

****The Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share this peace with one another.

Time with Our Youngest Saints

THE WORD

Unison Prayer for Understanding

Psalm 25:4-5

Make us to know your ways, O LORD; teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.

The Reading from the Gospels

Luke 1:5-25

Liturgist: The gospel of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

A Gift of Music

Sermon “The Sound of Silence”

**Hymn 5 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

**Affirmation of Faith The 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; 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

“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.

Invitation to the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

**Hymn “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above,
ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!” Amen.*

**Prayer of Dedication

THE SENDING

**Hymn 210 “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

**Charge and Blessing

**Postlude

***please stand as you are able*

Note: The Call to Worship was taken from the book “Calling All Angels” by the Reverend Erin Wathen. This book serves as the basis for the Advent sermons this year.



First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster

Order of Worship for

The First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

Liturgist: Mrs. Donna Powell

Interim Organist—Mr. Jim Parrish

Ushers—Mrs. Amanda Marsee and Mr. Nick Marsee

Pastor—The Reverend Michael Denney

Please silence your phones prior to worship.

THE GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

****Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Let us keep watch! Hear what the Lord will say to us in these days.

People: We need a good word for right now, but we can't hear God's voice over our own noise.

Liturgist: The proud and the wealthy don't have the right spirit; the arrogant will never understand.

People: So let us be humble and generous, listening before we speak and giving more than we receive.

Liturgist: The Lord is in his holy temple. Let all mortal flesh keep silence before God.

People: We will keep silent and not be afraid. We will be still and wait for a word.

Liturgist: Rejoice, O daughter of Zion. The Lord will come dwell in your midst, and none will be afraid.

People: Let all living things be silent before the Lord.