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# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

10:00 AM

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH, The Ducharme Family

PRAYER OF APPROACH

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 80)

*Andy Brussel, Liturgist*

One: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**All: But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.**

One: Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

**All: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved. Guide our expectant hearts as we worship you today.**

\*HYMN #2 "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

**Great God of wonderful surprises, we have now entered this season of preparation for Your Son's coming. We strive to get our lives in order and pray that the giving of ourselves to these preparations might reflect the earth-shaking importance of His coming. Help us to give ourselves generously, for we do not know the day or the hour. We pray in the name of the one who will come. Amen**

\*HYMN #8 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

\*CHARGE

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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\*For those who are able, please stand.



- **Today's Ushers:** Martha Stevens & Barb Winegard
- **Communion Servers:** today are Martha Stevens & Barb Winegard
- **Coffee Hour:** today is hosted by Peg Brussel
- **Choir Practice:** will be held at 9:15 each Sunday morning before Worship.
- **Worship & Music:** Monday, Dec. 4, 10:30 in the Media Center.
- **Book Club:** Tuesday Dec. 5, 1 p.m. in the Media Center
- On Sun., Dec. 10th we will be dedicating our new **Cpl. Kyle Schneider Freedom Food Pantry** room during our worship service.
- **The "Angel Tree Project"** to assist families at P.E.A.C.E & the Bee-Full Food Pantry at Baker High School. This project will run from Sun., Dec. 3rd to Mon., Dec. 18th . Please pick a dove off the tree and purchase the item listed. Bring the gift back wrapped with the dove that you took off the tree attached to the outside of the gift (please use a "sticky" note to attach the dove so we don't rip the paper).
- **Holiday Open House:** Please join us on Sat. Dec. 16 at 2 - 4 p.m. for a holiday celebration with music, carols and treats. If you play an instrument, please bring it with you and a plate of sweet or savory treats to share!



# **First Presbyterian Church Baldwinsville, NY**

**December 3, 2023**



## **Remember in Your Prayers and Correspondence**

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## **Identity Statement**

We are a loving family of God, following Christ by practicing our legacy of worship, education, and mission to neighbors.



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament,

**A: united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm.**

L: Send us out in the power of your Spirit,

**A: to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY HYMN #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.**

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CALL TO CONFESSION

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**Gracious God, we confess that we are not ready. We call on You to open the gates of heaven and come down to earth, and yet we aren't ready for You to open our hearts and enter in. When it comes to the power of meeting You face-to-face, we hesitate. We fear what You will find in us and among us. We are uncertain that we really want our lives to be turned upside down by Your Good News. We want the hope that comes with knowing You are coming to us, but we're not sure we're ready for the impact of that hope. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our fear that we might joyfully live in the hope that shakes us up and turns us around to follow You.**

One: Now that we have confessed as a body, let us take the truths that have troubled our hearts to God silently. Let us not be worried about the awkwardness of silence, as we take some time to focus on speaking with our God.

SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

GLORIA PATRI # 579

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

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

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us share signs of peace with one another.

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