

Mission Study 2

Please join us for the scheduled congregational Zoom meetings

The invitation for the December 2nd

Topic: FPCFB Congregational Meeting - Mission Study

Time: December 2 6:30pm Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89349388822?pwd=UGh2S2E5N2ltTml6TnBscTlFWUE4Zz09>

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Adopt A Family

Thank you to those who have already signed up to provide a gift this holiday season for someone less fortunate. There are still a few slots remaining for anyone interested. Please click the link below to sign up. Return wrapped gift to the Church Office by December 11th with tag listing family #, sex, and age of recipient and your last name. For example, 103, F, age 4, Smith. Note, this is not the tag that will be attached when gifts are delivered. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48A9A923A1FAC16-first1>

A warm welcome to:

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 29, 2020 | 1st Sunday of Advent

Welcome!

We are delighted to have you in worship today as we strive to share all of God's gifts.

The ushers and pastors are here to help you. Feel free to ask a question.

Please locate the friendship pad in the pew, sign it and pass it to your neighbor.



Anchored in Grace.
Moved to Mission.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

TODAY'S MESSAGE

“Waiting”

Rev. Julie A. Higbee

JOIN US THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

► Join us in praying for...

Our Church Family

Ben Isaac
Anita Gardiner
Ken & Gretchen Williams
George Geiger
Erika Zimmerman
Jane & Dave Turney
Ken Loper
Ann Mayne
Nelson Hamilton
Lynn Hicks
Matt Showalter
Nick Clark
Jackie Wilking
Tom & Marlene Spayde
Kathy & Bill Maurer
Len & Pat Ermold
Audrey Rodriguez
Lee Colwell
Valerie Perry

Friends of the Church

Mary Catherine Buyck
Jennifer Welsbbans
Mike Polese
Caroline Warner
Kerry Inboden
John Guss
Millie Marquess
David Guss
Larry Snell
Greg Waldfogle
Stewart Johnson
Linda Cortelyou
Bill Hosmer
Kirby & Sherril
Nancy Ray
Michael & Samantha
Robin Kling
Kelly Anderson Davis

Sunday, November 29	Monday, November 30	Tuesday, December 1
9:00am Virtual Worship 10:00am Sunday School (Zoom)	1:00 pm Hannah Circle (Compass Conference Room)	3:00pm Local Outreach (Zoom) 4:30pm Global Outreach (Zoom) 4:30 pm Children's Ministry (Zoom) 7:00pm Session (Zoom)
Wednesday, December 2	Thursday, December 3	Friday, December 4
10:00am Staff Meeting (Zoom) 6:30pm Mission Study Conversation for Congregation (Zoom)	6:15pm Middle Study Small Groups 7:00pm Mission Study Team (Zoom) 7:15 pm High School Small Groups	

Gathering Around the WORD

PRELUDE: “O Come O Come Emmanuel”

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rev. Julie Higbee

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Peg Granger

LEADER: We come into God’s presence in hopeful anticipation. We await the coming of the Son of God.

PEOPLE: *The sun may be dimmed, the moon may lose its light, The stars may fall from the sky...*

LEADER: Still, the Divine Spirit is with us.

PEOPLE: *God sends angels from the four winds, From the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.*

LEADER: We hear Jesus’ words, “Keep awake! Be alert!”

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:

Robin & Dan Marley

Δ HYMN OF PRAISE # 100 “My Soul Cries Out With a Joyful Shout” vs. 1,2,3 & 4

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES:

Emma

Cottrell

PRAYER: God the Father bless us. God the Son help us. God the Spirit keep us, now and evermore.

Δ PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

Peg Granger

God is peace: the ever-present, ever-loving, ever-compassionate power that governs the world. Like generations before us, we fail in our efforts to live in the peace and harmony God desires. As in Isaiah’s time we become unclean and our righteous deeds become as filthy cloths. We alone cannot wipe clean the slate of our transgressions. We fade like leaves and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. Yet, You O God, are Father and Mother; like the potter you fashioned us from clay in your holy image. In these silent moments hear the sighing of our spirits as we lay open our hearts to you. Mold us anew, O God, recreate a right image within us.

Δ ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Sean Watkins

At God’s command the heavens open,
the mountains quake and love descends as an ever-flowing stream.

A light shines in the night and the night cannot endure.

Trust that the Power that created you in love

now forgives and renews you in the same divine spirit.

Go forth to proclaim the awesome deeds of our loving God! **Amen.**

Δ HYMN OF GRATITUDE #582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

The WORD Proclaimed

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Rev. Forrest Foxworth

LESSON #1: Isaiah 64:1-9

Sean Watkins

SPECIAL MUSIC: “What Child Is This” ... 16th Century English; R. E. Schram/ arr. G. Stegmann; Flutes: Robin

Lashley and Marcus Yew

LESSON #2: Mark 13:24-37

LEADER : The Word of the Lord. **PEOPLE: Thanks be to GOD!**

SERMON : “Waiting”

Rev. Julie A. Higbee

Responding to the WORD

OFFERTORY INVITATION:

Rev. Forrest

Foxworth

OFFERTORY: “While We Are Waiting Come”

Δ HYMN OF GRATITUDE # 606 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Δ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Δ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *From a Brief Statement of Faith*

Following the WORD

Δ HYMN OF SENDING “O Come All Ye Faithful”

Δ CHARGE AND BLESSING:

Rev. Julie Higbee

Δ POSTLUDE: “My Soul Cries Out With a Joyful Shout”

First Presbyterian Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation in the Presbyterian Church (USA)

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