Noodles and Doodles

1st Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024



First Presbyterian Church 220 North Cullen Street - Rensselaer, Indiana 47978 219-866-7005

Rev. Dr. Michelle J. Bartel, Preaching Rick Comingore, Liturgist Stephanie Davisson, Accompanist

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church 219-866-7005

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Church Mission Statement: We are a Presbyterian church responding to new mission frontiers presented by our changing culture. Guided by our Lord Jesus Christ, we love, serve and embrace all people.

Sunday Offering: \$300.00 Attendance: 15

Pastor: Rev. Michelle J. Bartel, Ph.D.
Youth Minister: Stephanie Davisson
Director of Music: Stephanie Davisson

Office Administrator: Bethany Dodge 219-866-7005

Maintenance/Housekeeping: Pat McKinney

Prayer concerns: Jennifer Perez, Larry Alexander, Joan Butler, Tony's grandmother, Joyce Cady, Carol Geisel, Dawn Jefferson, Rob Jefferson, Trent Jefferson, Kristian Jefferson, Aaron & Bridgette Helms & family, Joy Mendenhall, Sharon DeWees, and Pat Sheffler.

If you would like a child's folder or a wireless hearing assistance device, let the usher know.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,

for ever. Amen.

Church Calendar

Sunday, Dec. 1	9:30 a.m.	Worship (Communion),
Monday, Dec. 2	9:00 a.m 4:00 p.m.	Church Office open
Tuesday, Dec. 3	9:00a.m 4:00	Church Office open
	3:30 p.m	Dance Magic
	4:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday, Dec. 4	9:00 a.m – 4:00 p.m.	Church Office open
	5:00 p.m. – 6:30p.m	Youth Group Meets,
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday, Dec. 5	9:00 a.m – 4:00 p.m.	Church Office open
	5.00 5.00	
Saturday, Dec. 7	5:00pm-7:00 pm	Chili Supper
	7:00 p.m.	AA - Alcoholics Anonymous
Sunday, Dec. 8	9:30 a.m.	(Basement) Worship (Sanctuary)

Announcements:

The Stated Assembly Meeting will be on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at Central Presbyterian Church in Lafayette, IN. It will be a hybrid in-person and Zoom meeting. It is at 10 am ET/9 am CT.

The chili supper is this Saturday from 5pm-7pm. Be sure to check the sign-up sheets in the back and arrive early and/or stay later for any duties before or after the chili supper. We need all hands on deck! Also, tickets are available in envelopes in the back and in the office.

There are Advent devotionals to pick up in the back of the sanctuary.

Prayer after Communion

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (we use "debts" and debtors" in the prayer)

The Offering

(The Offering plates will not be passed. You may place your offerings in the plates on the pedestals either before or after Worship.)

- ♦ Doxology #607 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow
- **†** Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may these offerings become a source for hope and love in this church family, and in the community beyond us, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

- ♦ Hymn of Sending #772 Live into Hope
- **♦** Benediction

Congregational Response Let There Be Peace on Earth

Postlude

-Call to Worship (adapted), Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession (adapted), Assurance of Pardon (slightly adapted), Prayer for Illumination, and Prayer of Thanksgiving (slightly adapted) written by Teri McDowell Ott for The Presbyterian Outlook.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9:30 A.M.

1st Sunday of Advent November 3, 2024 †Please stand in body or spirit

Prelude

Welcome Rev. Michelle Bartel

Call to Worship and Lighting of the Candle:

Rick Comingore

Leader: Advent is a time for waiting.

People: We wait for God, who appears like a tender branch growing from a stump.

Leader: Advent is a time for hoping.

People: We wait for God, who comes with justice and righteousness.

Leader: Advent is a time to worship.

People: We wait for Emmanuel, praising the One Jesus Christ, who comes to fulfill promises. Come, let us worship the Lord!

♦ Hymn of Praise #82 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Prince of Peace, the wars and rumors of wars betray how easily we turn to violence and our many destructive and dehumanizing ways. We deserve your judgment, as we read in scripture. Yet, you remain faithful, a steadfast source of peace and hope in the midst of our warring madness, forgiving us even before we confess. Holy God, turn us from evil. Return us to Christ and his path of peace. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: "Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun." Know that you are forgiven and be at peace, restored to hope in God. Amen.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia, Amen.

† Response#581Gloria Patri

Announcements

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16 p. 737OT

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm Reading Psalm 25:1-10 p. 502 OT

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Luke 21:25-36 p. 85 NT

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 p. 204 NT

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the World: Hope and "Love for One Another and For All"

"May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all."

Hymn of the Word #731, Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again

Celebration of Communion