

#### First Presbyterian Church

201 S. High St. Kirksville, MO

#### November 30, 2025 – 1st Sunday of Advent

#### We Gather to Worship

Prelude

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

that we may learn God's ways and walk in God's paths. Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

\*Gathering Prayer

\*Hymn 108 "Of the Father's Love Begotten" (vs. 1, 2, 3, 6)

Advent Candle Lighting

**Summers Family** 

Hymn "A Candle is

"A Candle is Burning" (verse 1) See Insert

Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

God of night and day, there is no shadow that can conceal our sin from you and no secret that you will not bring to light. For our reveling and drunkenness, forgive us, O God. For our debauchery and licentiousness, forgive us, O God. For our quarreling and jealousy, forgive us, O God. O God, forgive us our sins, renew us in love, and teach us to live in a way that brings honor and glory to your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace

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

And also with you.

\*Response

"Glory be to the Father"

Hymn 581

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.

#### We Listen to God's Word

#### \*Prayer of Illumination

O God of our people and Lord of every nation, let your Word ring out from the mountains and your Spirit shine forth in the earth, so that all may hear your teaching and all may do your will; through Jesus Christ our peace. Amen.

\*Song of Preparation

"Lord, Prepare Me"

Hymn 701

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Scripture:

Old Testament Lesson

New Testament Lesson

Psalter

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:11-14

Psalm 122

Old Testament pg 631 New Testament pg 162 Old Testament pg 571

(The congregation will respond by reading the even numbered verses)

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 24:36-44

New Testament pg 27

Message

"I really need to clean the house"

Dr. Paul Yoder

#### We Respond in Faith

\*Affirmation of Faith

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.

\*Response "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Hymn 469

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

<sup>\*</sup>Hymn 352 "My Lord! What a Morning"

Prayers of the People and 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### Opportunities for Ministry

White Gift Service - The White Gift Service will be next Sunday, December 7th. Gifts this year will be going to the Clothes Closet. Suggested items: Full size laundry detergent, full size hygiene products, new blankets and gloves, as well as food kits.

**Pantry for Adair County** - PAC is collecting for its annual Blessing Boxes they hand out in December to all families visiting the pantry. Their goal is 600 boxes which costs around \$9,000. Any monetary donations above the \$9,000 will be used to buy food for the pantry. We are also doing the monthly collection of Peanut Butter.

**Church Office Closure** - The church office remains closed at this time, but please feel free to call Becky on her cell phone or reach her via the church email: office@presbykv.org.

**Clothes Closet** - The Clothes Closet is in need of clothing donations as well as volunteers to work when they are open on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

**Poinsettias** - If you would like a poinsettia in memory of someone, please let Becky know. If I don't hear from you, it will not be included on the poinsettia memorial insert. The cost will be \$10/poinsettia.

**Presbyterian Youth Fellowship** - PYF will be meeting this evening from 5:00-8:00 p.m. for blanket making for the Clothes Closet Christmas Shoppe. Dinner will be served from 5:00-5:30, with the blanket making starting around 5:30. All middle school and high school youth are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Christmas Joy Offering - It's our goal to assist church workers and their families in their time of critical, financial need and students of color in their time of promise — opening doors for healing and doors for opportunity. If you wish to donate, please put your donation in a pew envelope labeled Joy Offering or put Joy Offering in the memo section of your check. For more information visit: <a href="https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/christmas-joy/">https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/christmas-joy/</a>. The last Sunday to donate to this offering will be December 28th.

#### Offering

\*Doxology Hymn 606

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.

<sup>\*</sup>Prayer of Dedication

<sup>\*</sup>Hymn 384 "Soon and Very Soon"

#### We Depart to Serve

#### Charge and Blessing

Sung Benediction Hymn 136 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (vs. 3)

Postlude

#### Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 30 - Dr. Paul Yoder

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School; 10:00 a.m. - Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. - Worship; 5:00 p.m. - PYF

Tuesday, December 2

9:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet Sorting Group; 1:00 p.m. - Clothes Open to Organizations

Wednesday, December 3

6:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 4

5:15 p.m. - Deacon's Meeting

Sunday, December 7 - White Gift Service

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School; 10:00 a.m. - Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. - Worship

Tuesday, December 9

9:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet Sorting Group; 1:00 p.m. - Clothes Open to General Public;

7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

Wednesday, December 10

6:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 13

9:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet Christmas Shoppe

#### **Attendance November 23, 2025**

In person - 27

Online -2

#### **Church Office Hours This Week**

Church office closed

#### **December Food of the Month for PAC**

**Blessing Boxes** 

#### **Fellowship Time**

Today - "Thanksgiving Brunch"

Next Sunday - First Feast

## Of the Father's Love Begotten



- ere the worlds be gan Of Fa-ther's love be - got - ten,
- Bv his Word was cre - at he com-mand-ed; it all ed:
- that birth for ev er bless - ed when the Vir - gin, full
- he whom seers in of with one This old time chant-ed
- ye heights of heaven, a dore him. An - gel hosts, his prais thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - pha to be, is and ga; was done: heaven and earth and depths of o cean, ni -Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv grace, by ing, bore the cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets prom-ised sing. Powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him, and ex hymn and chant and high thanks-giv to and un -



of three in all that sees the moon's soft verse one, babe, the world's Re Sav ior of our race, and the faith he their ful word. Now shines, the in long - ex tol God and King. Let tongue earth no on wea - ried prais be. Hon - or, glo and do es ry,



si lent; voice in ev erv con - cert ring, - ter - nal vic min ion, and ry, (after stanza 6)

> er - more and ev - er - more!

Seldom has the wonder of the Incarnation been expressed so beautifully as in this text, created in the era when the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds were being codified and mindful of similar theological affirmations. It is set here to a plainchant melody from the late Middle Ages.

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men.

### A Candle is Burning

sung to the tune of "Away in a Manger"

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright, A candle of HOPE in November's dark night While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky, Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh

A candle is burning, a candle of PEACE, A candle to signal that conflict must cease For Jesus is coming to show us the way A message of peace humbly laid in the hay

A candle is burning, a candle of JOY, A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow

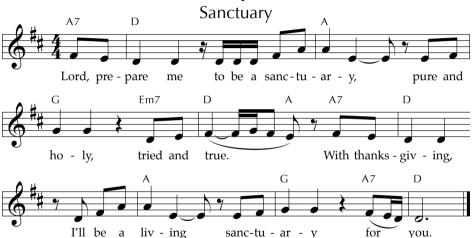
A candle is burning, a candle of LOVE, A candle to point us to heaven above A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth for Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.

We honor Messiah with Christ's candle flame Our Christmas Eve candles glad tidings proclaim O Come, all you faithful, rejoice in this night As God comes among us, the Christian's true light.



## Lord, Prepare Me

701



The lines given here convey the central message of the longer song for which they form the refrain. The principal Scripture reference is 1 Corinthians 3:16–17, Paul's reminder to the Christians at Corinth that "[they] are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in [them]."



This spiritual reflects on Jesus' saying about the endtimes as recorded in Matthew 24:29-30/Mark 13:24-26. It belongs to the slower, less common style of spirituals with long, sustained phrases and was among those popularized in concerts by the Fisk Jubilee Singers.

## Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 469



This chorus from a longer song has become a popular sung prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit. Easily memorized, it makes a very suitable sung response at appropriate points during a series of prayer concerns or with repeated singing can open or close a time of prayer.

## 606

# Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

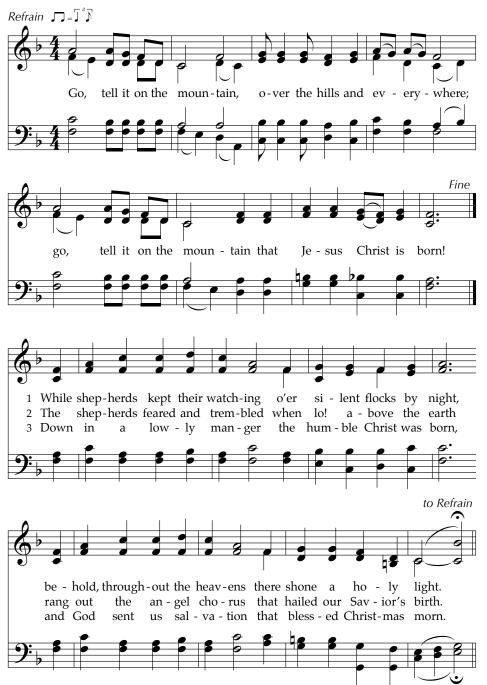


TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551



This spirited African American gospel hymn draws on John's vision of the new heaven and the new earth in Revelation 21:3–4, with its wonderful promise that God will wipe away the tears from all eyes, that death will be no longer, and that there will be no more mourning or pain.

# 136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain



Like other material from oral traditions, 19th-century African American spirituals flourished without being written down. Their refrains were their most stable parts, and narrative stanzas were often improvised to fit. These Nativity stanzas attempt to recall that tradition.