

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1st Sunday of Advent

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Helping Others See Jesus' Grace In Me"

Order of Worship
First Sunday of Advent
** Congregation Stands/Rise in spirit*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Sean Maxwell**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: The day is coming when the mountain of the Lord shall rise in glory, and all nations will seek God's light.

PEOPLE: We come with longing hearts, ready to walk in the light of the Lord.

LEADER: The night is far gone; the day is near. Keep awake, for our salvation is closer now than when we first believed.

PEOPLE: We awaken our spirits to hope, watching for Christ's promised coming.

LEADER: No one knows the day or the hour, yet God calls us to be ready.

PEOPLE: We prepare our hearts, our lives, and our world for the Prince of Peace.

ALL: Keep awake. Be ready. For the Son of Man is coming. Thanks be to God! We will worship, we will hope, and we will prepare.

***OPENING HYMN #304 (AA) "So Glad I'm Here "**

*** PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION (*unison*)**

God of hope and God of peace, this day we gather with grateful hearts. This day in this place of worship, we praise you for breaking into our weary world with your light, your mercy, and your faithful love. Fill us with the spirit of Advent; a spirit of watching, waiting, and welcoming Christ. Awaken gratitude within us for every sign of your presence and every glimpse of your promised future. Let all creation glorify you, for you alone are our hope and our salvation. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Prince of Peace, this day we confess that our world is restless and troubled. The conflicts around us and within us reveal how far we have wandered from your way of peace. Though we deserve your judgment, you remain faithful and steadfast, calling us back to the light of Christ. Holy God, turn us from all that harms and divides. Lead us again to Christ’s path of peace. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

SPECIAL SELECTION **"I Know What Prayer Can Do"**
The Donald Malloy Rendition

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **Rev. Delton Farmer**

SCRIPTURE READINGS **Rev. Delton Farmer**

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 2:1-5
NEW TESTAMENT: Romans 13:11-14

SERMON **Rev. Delton Farmer**
"I’m A Child Of God, Woke And Alert "

INVITATIONAL HYMN #400 (AA)..... **"I Have Decided To Follow Jesus"**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE /THE LORD’S PRAYER

Affirmation of Faith (Book of Common Worship) *(unison)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY SELECTION.....

"Take The Lord With You" *By Charlie Barnwell*

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN #500 (AA)

"Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah (Since I Laid My Burdens Down) "

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION..... Rev. Delton Farmer**

RESPONSE "Three-Fold AMEN"

POSTUDE