

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Offertory Prayer for Tithes Received

Leader: Creator God, you have gifted us with a beautiful and abundant world in which to live. You have also gifted us with the responsibility of being stewards of your creation.

People: We acknowledge that all that we have is yours, and we return this week a portion of it to you.

Unison: Accept our tithes and offerings, we pray, as our grateful response to your generosity with us. Amen.

*Doxology ***“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*** Hymn#706
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.

*Hymn **“Arise, Your Light Is Come”** Hymn #87

SENDING

*Benediction

*Response **“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”** Hymn #98
To Christ shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend,
His kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove.
His name shall stand forever; that name to us is Love.

Postlude **“The Advent of Our God”** - Broughton

Prayer Concerns: Heather Beczo, daughter-in-law of Tibor and Ilona Beczo; Tibor Beczo; Jean Brown; Ron Carter, brother of Jean Brown with cancer; Bill Conner; Joe Dablock; Virginia Driggers, friend of the church; Steve Hoffman, friend of Nancy Davis with cancer and transplant need; Charles and Trudy Jordan; Julie Olson; Vivian Sackhoff, mother of Jeff Sackhoff; Mark Turner, surgery to remove benign tumor; Phil and Cheryl White, father of Nancy Davis’ daughter-in-law with heart trouble; Jeff and Jenny Whitehead, friends of Joe and Sue Dablock.

Grace

Presbyterian Church

By Grace Alone By Faith Alone By Scripture Alone

In Christ Alone Glory to God Alone



First Sunday of Advent — November 28, 2021

1st Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021—10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Gathering Hymn “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” Hymn #98
**Hail to the Lord’s anointed, great David’s greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captives free,
to take away transgressions, and rule with equity.**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “Advent Star” - Broughton

***Call to Worship**
Reading Isaiah 40: 3-5

The Lighting of the First Advent Candle (Hope) Herman & Betty Ellis

Congregational Response
**Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me
will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”**

Prayer
God of prophets, in the wilderness of Jordan you sent a messenger to
prepare our hearts for the coming of your Son. Help us to hear good
news, to repent, and be ready to welcome the Lord, our Savior, Jesus
Christ, who brings us hope. **Amen.**

***Hymn** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” Hymn #83

CLEANSING

Prayer of Confession
**O Lord, we confess that we enter this season of Advent with great
expectation and yearn for something spectacular, something that
takes our breath away. Our culture has groomed us to go into this
season with high hopes of what is to come. Forgive our misguided
aspirations and our interest in the here and now. We so easily get
caught up in the expectation that we forget that you have already
come. Too often our hope for tomorrow feels very far from us and we
fail to believe. Restore us O God. We want to know and believe in the
one who brings hope to our lives, but we act and live as people who**

**have no hope. May this Advent season be a time when our hope is
restored in you, remembering that you have already come in the flesh
and have dwelt among us and you are here with us in the presence of
the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri** Hymn # 704
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.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your
own, that hearing, we may also obey your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

First Reading Jeremiah 33: 14-16
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Preparation “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” Hymn #89

Second Reading Psalm 25: 1-10 (NIV)
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Our Hope is in You” Psalm 25: 5

***Affirmation of Faith** “The Apostles Creed”

Prayers of the People with The Lord’s Prayer