

November 28, 2021
First Sunday of Advent

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Finn

Responsive Reading (Psalm 25:1-5) Kim Domer, Liturgist

One: I offer my life to you, Lord.

All: My God, I trust you.

One: Please don't let me be put to shame!

All: Don't let my enemies rejoice over me!

One: Make your ways known to me, Lord;

All: Teach me your paths.

One: Lead me in your truth — teach it to me

All: Because you are the God who saves me.

*Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" No. 196

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance

Gracious God — whose Son is our heart and our healing, whose will for His people is wholeness and community — we come close to you in prayer. With eyes closed, ears open, mind alert, and spirit eager, we speak and hear in silence, as we join in devout conversation with you on this Holy Day of Worship. Amen.

Lighting the Advent Candle

*Unison Prayer

O God of the past, present, and future, who has commissioned us to be disciples in times as yet unknown, give us, we pray, the energy, creativity, and resilience that belong to our charge, and fill us always with the joy that will surge within us in response to the love we know most fully and most wonderfully in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Faithful Savior, you restore all things, making us strong when we are fragile and whole when we are broken. Be with us all the days of our lives, empowering us to resist temptation and protecting us in the presence of evil. Because of you, we live in hope and not in fear. Bless us, guide us, and lead us so that we may honor you with our words and our actions, now and forever. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Scripture Zechariah 7:8-11 CEB

New Testament Scripture Colossians 3:12-17 CEB

Response One: Let us Rejoice in God's Holy Word!

All: For His Word brings us Light, Hope, and Joy.

*Gloria Patri No. 70

*Hymn "Lord, Speak to Me" No. 463

Message "The Advent of Kindness" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer

As we gather today as a fellowship of believers, let us lift up our prayers and petitions at this time.

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation to God of Our Gifts

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "Precious Name" No. 536

*Benediction and Postlude

**= please stand in body or spirit*

Salvation Army Adopt-A-Family

Oak Chapel has signed on to Adopt-A-Family for Christmas through the Salvation Army. This young family of four is homeless, and currently staying at the Salvation Army Shelter in Downtown Wooster. The family consists of a father and mother in their early twenties, a 2 ½ year old boy, and another boy on the way.

If you are interested in participating, simply choose an item from the list below (it's perfectly fine if others pick the same item – they can use multiple items, particularly clothing), purchase it, wrap it, identify the item and who it's for with a label, and bring it to the church so that we can place it under our tree.

We are hoping to help to bring them a Merry Christmas and assist them in their efforts to get on their feet.

Jackson Age 2 ½

Age-Appropriate Movies, Toys and Learning Games

Andrew Not Yet Born

Age-Appropriate Clothing and Shoes

Disposable Diapers

Burpee Cloths

Infant Toys

William Age 22 (Color Preferences: Black/Red/Blue)

Shirts (3X)

Pants (40W)

Shoes (10.5)

Sara Age 23 (Color Preferences: Black/Purple/Blue)

Shirts (3X)

Pants (22W)

Shoes (10)

Healthcare Items (Soap/Deodorant/Toothpaste, etc.)



Our Prayer List

Our neighbors and our community
Those serving in the armed forces
Our country, its leaders

Our church family

Jennifer Adair	Elsie Mykrantz
Betsy Bower	Christy Rickard
Bill Feldman	Elaine Sprinkle
Esther Franks	Sandy Treece
Ewing Giffin	Jen Moser
Mark Ritchey	

Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

All who are suffering with COVID
Micah, who is recovering from knee surgery
Tina Braucher's father, Jim
The family of Rusty Harper, spouse of Linda Ernst Harper
Melissa Davis, who is facing heart surgery
Andy, who is recovering from lung surgery
Kris Hawkinson, who was diagnosed with cancer
Jim and Patti Pfander, as Patti moves to Danbury and Jim recovers from hip surgery

Today's Prayer Concerns

Names will be removed from this list after three weeks unless otherwise requested.



Opportunities for Ministry This Week

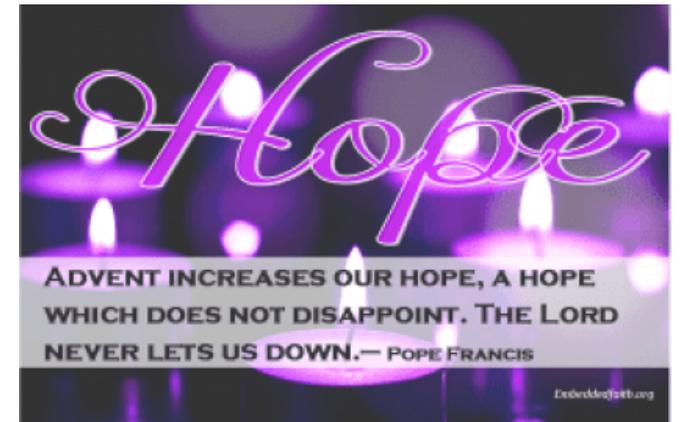
Sunday 11/28	First Sunday of Advent	
	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 11/29	Bible Study	9:30 am
Looking Ahead		
Sunday 12/5	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 12/6	Retirees' Breakfast	8:00 am
	Bible Study	9:30 am
Tuesday 12/7	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
	Art & Soul	7:00 pm
Saturday 12/11	UMM Breakfast	7:30 am

Financial News

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (October 2021): \$1,598
Received last month:
10/03 - \$3,503
10/10 - \$2,273
10/17 - \$1,977
10/24 - \$1,377
10/31 - \$1,612
As of 10/31/2021, we received about 135% of our budgeted income for the month of October and 87% YTD. Thank you Oak Chapel!

** Portions of today's liturgy were taken, with permission, from the book, Prayers, by Charles L. Cureton. Charles was a lifelong Presbyterian minister who led churches in Delaware, Virginia, New Jersey, New York, and Washington, D.C., where Abraham Lincoln once worshipped. He retired to Wooster and served as a Parish Associate at First Presbyterian Church from 2001 until his death this fall.*

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through Love, Compassion,
Fellowship and Caring*