

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 2nd, 2018

~1st Sunday of Advent~

Prelude: While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks – R.J. Hughes

Choral Response

Apostolic Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Preparation, Praise and Adoration

Hymn: # #281 What Child is This?

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Choral Anthem: While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Lighting of the First Candle of Advent – The Hope Candle

Children's Time

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Scripture: Luke 21:25-36

Message: Signs in the Sky

Hymn: #278 Angels We Have Heard on High

Words of Institution

Communion of God's People

Offering of Gifts

Offertory: Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine – 14th century German carol

Response: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O, come, o, come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, Shall come to you, O Israel! Amen

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn: #255 Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming

Charge, Blessing & Sending with Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Postlude: Toccata for the Christmas Season – L. Smith

~This Week at 1st Presbyterian~

SUNDAY, December 2

9:15 to 10:15 am Sunday School

10:15 Choir Practice in Chapel

10:15 to 10:45 am - Coffee Hour

10:45 to Noon – Worship

7:00 pm Handel's Messiah at MVNU – leave church at 6:00pm

TUESDAY, December 4

12:00 pm - Spark Lunch

8:00 pm – NA Meeting

WEDNESDAY, December 5

11:30 Christmas Songs by Carson Elem

7:00 pm - Choir Practice

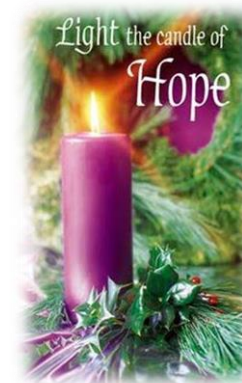
THURSDAY, December 6

10:00 am – Good Morning Bible Study

6:00-8:30 pm - Sights and Sounds

6:30 pm – NA Meeting

7:00 pm – Women's AA Meeting



SUNDAY, December 9 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:15 to 10:15 am Sunday School

10:15 Choir Practice in Chapel

10:15 to 10:45 am - Coffee Hour

10:45 to Noon – Worship

This Sunday, 12-2~ Liturgist: Barb Jobes; **Sound Room:** Chris Bowles; **Extended Church:** Ed Jobes; **Money Counters:** Carol Floyd, Sam Lieb; **Nursery:** Shannon Drake; **Children's Sermon:** Steve Brand; **Greeters:** Dwight Gibson, Rose Gibson, Miles Drake; **Coffee Hour:** vacant

Next Sunday, 12-9~ Liturgist: Ed Jobes; **Sound Room:** Steve Keck; **Extended Church:** Tricia Dunune; **Money Counters:** Keith Hare, Carolyn Durr; **Nursery:** Deb Blamer; **Children's Sermon:** Ann Robinson; **Greeters:** Dick and Karen Birtcher, Louise Whitis, Greg Angeletti; **Coffee Hour:** Chris

~ Prayer Requests~

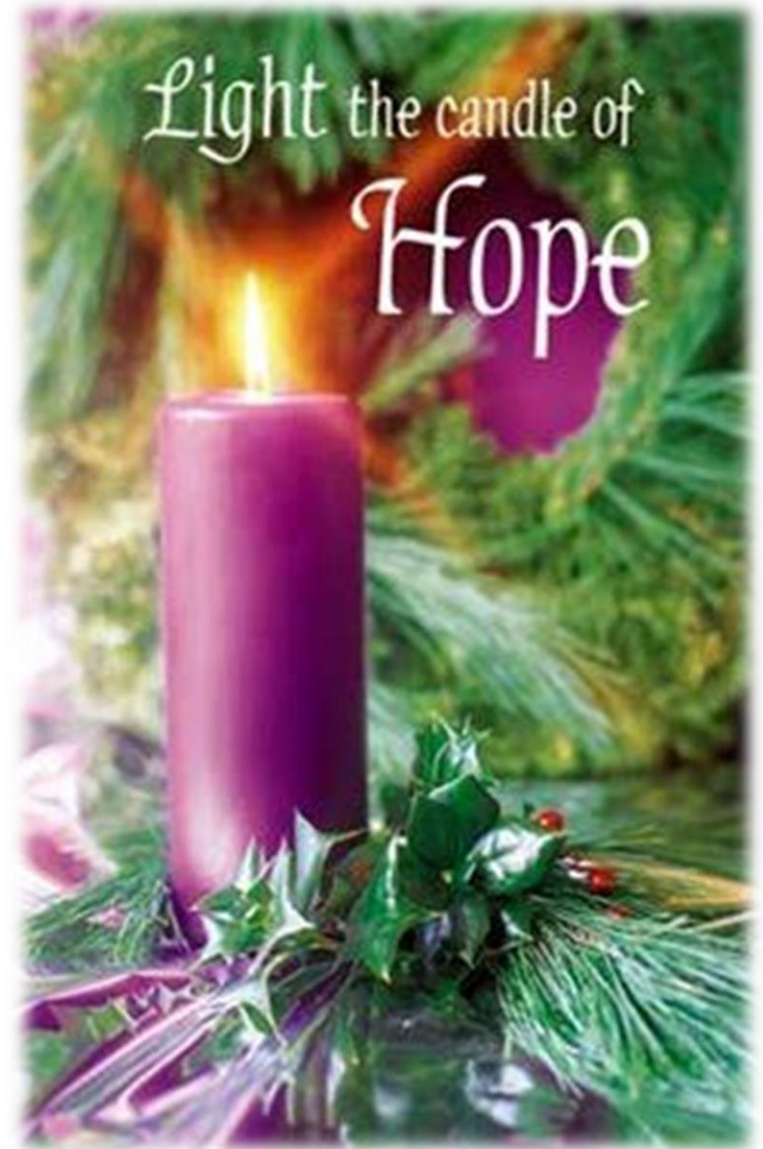
- Eula Montgomery** went home to be with Jesus. Please pray for the family during this time.
- Ann Robinson** will meet with surgeon 12/20 to discuss repair of a hernia and the reason for the internal bleeding was found. Praise God.
- Kay Kittel's** surgery went well. She is home now. Pray for a quick recovery and for home care.
- Don Fee** – Trouble moving his arm, possible tear or infection.
- Becky Lake Hottinger** – please pray for healing from cancer surgery and as she begins 6 mths of chemo.
- Dave Baughman** –They found the cause of seizures and he will have the surgery to correct it in the future.

~ Long Term Prayer Needs~

- **Penny Ellsworth** – Dr. says the tumor has shrunk considerably and she will be able to have surgery the first or second week of Dec. This is a praise to God and a thank you from the family.
- John Minihan's Mother** – diagnosed with terminal cancer
- Dan Dean** for a chance to receive a new organ transplant or improvement with his own
- Holly** – Chemotherapy started
- Sonny** (Valerie's Husband), who has prostate cancer.
- Jeff**, (Josh Mitzel's father), who received a bone marrow transplant and is now undergoing chemotherapy.
- Jordan and Laura Bracy**, (Birtcher's nephew) as they serve as missionaries to Madagascar.
- Jordan**, (the Baughman's Son) who is suffering from PTSD.
- Shirley** (Barb Jobes' Mom), who has lung cancer and is undergoing treatment.
- Bob Bracy**, (Karen Birtcher's brother-in-law) for strength and patience and that he might regain eyesight.
- Jim Wilson** having treatments for cancer in his one remaining kidney
- Linda Henry** who has colon cancer.

~ Our members in need of special care~

Dee Barber, Tracee Barr, Carol Denison, Travis Edwards, Nancy Johnson, Donna Kinney, Jean Nichols, Barb Ryan, Lovona Parkhill, Phyllis Walker.



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