

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 21, 2025 – 11:00 am

\* Those that are able and comfortable standing please stand.

**Prelude: Of the Father's Love Begotten (Hayes)**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship (On Screen)**

**Prayer of Preparation, Praise and Adoration**

**\*Hymn #273: Good Christian Men, Rejoice (All Verses)**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**Prayer of Confession (On Screen)**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**Children's Message**

**\*Hymn #278: Angels We Have Heard on High (Verses 1, 3, 4)**

**Scripture Reading: Micah 5: 2-5a**

**Scripture Reading: Matthew 1: 18-25**

**Message Title: Holy Expectations**

**\*Hymn #251: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (All Verses)**

**\*Prayer for Tithes, Talents and Offerings**

**\*Hymn #815: Doxology**

**\*Charge, Blessing and Sending with Peace**

**Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!**

**People: And also with you!**

**\*Postlude: Good Christian Men, Rejoice! (Wolaver)**

## ~This Week at First Presbyterian Church~

### SUNDAY, December 21

9:15 a.m. – Adult Bible Study

10:15 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship

11:00 a.m. – Worship Service/Fourth Sunday of Advent

### WEDNESDAY, December 24

5:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

### SUNDAY, December 28

11:00 a.m. – Worship Service

#### This Sunday, 12/21

**Liturgist:** Gaye Gibson; **Sound Room:** Chris Bowles;  
**Coffee Fellowship:** Kim Dershem

#### Next Sunday, 12/28

**Liturgist:** Ed Jobes; **Sound Room:** Chris Bowles



Make plans to join us on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. for a beautiful candlelight service to celebrate the birth of Christ. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to this special night of worship.



*Reminder: If there is a level 2 snow emergency declared in Licking County all church activities will be cancelled.*

## Adult Bible Study on Sunday Mornings:

Jesus' arrival on earth changed the course of history forever. Not only for those who lived in the first century, but for those of us in the twenty-first century as well. The miracle and marvel of the Advent season demonstrates that we are precious to Him. He's not a distant God. He is Emmanuel, God with us. That includes wherever you are, right now.



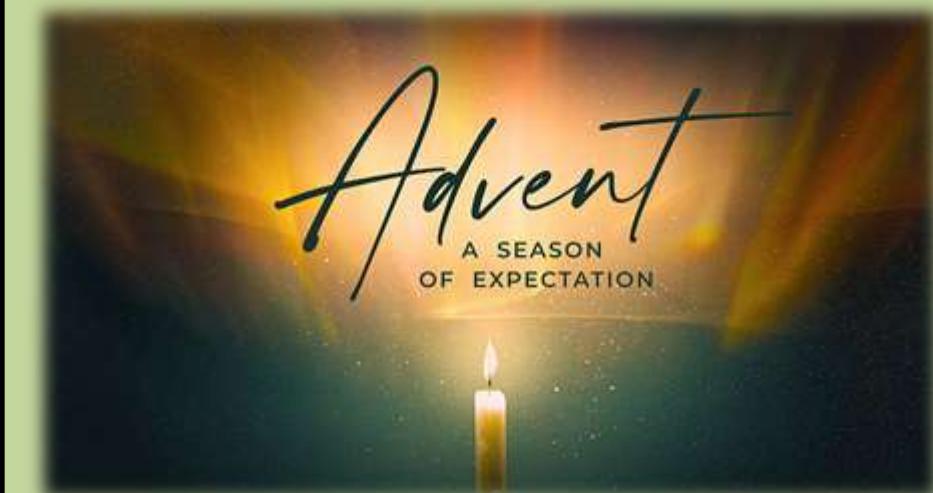
Throughout the Old Testament, we find descriptions, allusions, prophecies, and even foreshadowing of the long-anticipated Messiah. The Messiah is Jesus, whose purpose and promise was not limited by His humanity. In this Bible study, you will learn that it's not your behavior that earns the kindness of a holy God; it's the presence of Jesus coming to Earth to be with you, always.

Join Christine Caine and Lisa Harper this Advent season for a four-session video Bible study like no other. Your hope and spirit will be revived as you recapture the wonder of Jesus' obvious love for you. You'll discover that Advent is not only a season of waiting and preparation, but also, it's a season of action to share the hope of Jesus with everyone. Join us in person or over Zoom this Advent season.



If you ordered a poinsettia, please plan to take it home with you after the Christmas Eve service. Thank you.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## Holy Expectations

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