

# United Presbyterian Church

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# United Presbyterian Church Worship Guide

November 27, 2022 – First Sunday of Advent



**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Elder Allen Pease

**PRELUDE** *Savior of the Nations, Come*

*Lighting of the Advent Wreath*

The Candle of Hope – Deacon Andy Hill

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Andy Hill, liturgist

Liturgist: God welcomes all who enter here.

**All: Come to us, God of peace, as we give thanks to Your name.**

Liturgist: We ask for peace within these walls. God's promises of love are for all people.

**All: We are glad to be in God's presence this day.**

Liturgist: Come to us, God of peace.



## PASSING OF THE PEACE

Liturgist: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Liturgist: Let us share the peace with one another.

## \*Opening Hymn

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison with Liturgist)

Most Holy God, this Advent season marks a time of watching and waiting. But we are not a very patient people. And we aren't really sure what we are expecting. God forgive us our lack of faith in your presence, your faithfulness, and your unconditional love for us. Help us to make this advent a holy time; a time filled with a search for peace in our world, in our communities, and in ourselves. Faithful God, forgive us our lack of readiness and our apathy. Surprise us again with your presence and Your peace...Amen.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Liturgist)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. As God's own people, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Be always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven you. And, above everything else, be loving, and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for you. Amen.

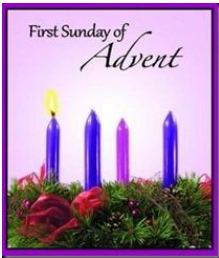
**The Old Testament Lesson** *Psalm 22: 1-18* (Pew Bible p. 414; Large Print p. 845)

**The Gospel Epistle Lesson** *Mark 15: 33-37* (Pew Bible p. 780; Large Print p. 1571)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

## MUSIC for MEDITATION

*Creator of the Stars of Night*



## Sermon

*Fill in the Void*

**Deacon Souheil Haddad**

**AFFIRMATION of FAITH** – The Apostles Creed (traditional) led by Deacon Souheil Haddad  
I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Elder Don Root**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## **CALL TO OFFERING**

**Elder Don Root**

**\*Closing Hymn**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

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## **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**Elder Don Root**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Prepare the Way O Zion*

\*Stand if you are able

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**Madison Presbyterian Church**, Sandy Fox, Commissioned Pastor, is downtown, two blocks from the Ohio River. We celebrate 207 years of Presbyterian life and service to the community in 2022. The congregation of 130 plus friends are bound together thru our efforts to Love and Glorify God and Love and Serve Others. Among the programs in which we participate, our service to the children of Jefferson County may be our most important. Weekly, volunteers gather at House of Hope to pack BackSacks (gently used Kroger and Walmart bags). In each bag is an array of food for the children to take home on Friday. The bags are delivered to the schools where the teachers know those children most at risk. We assemble about 220 bags a week (130 last year!). MPC funds the program. We have five new members this year. Monday evening 20 people meet to study God's word, and Tuesday morning 12 Prayer Warriors gather to pray for others. The PNC meets weekly as their search for a pastor continues. Our CRE leads as we Love and Glorify God and Love and Serve Others.



UPC will be receiving the annual PC(USA) Christmas Joy Offering on Sunday, December 25, 2022 and on January 2, 2023.

50% of your gifts open doors which lead to relief for church workers and their families when critical needs arise. 50% of your gifts open doors of opportunity which lead to hopeful futures for young people at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

Materials are in the Narthex which contain greater details about this annual offering. Please take and learn more.



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