



# Sunday December 11, 2022 3rd Sunday of Advent 10:00 a.m.

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## This week at First:

#### Sunday, December 11, 2022

JOY Christmas Concert Sanctuary, 4 p.m. Refreshments to follow Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, December 13, 2022

2ndTuesday@First Fellowship Dinner Fellowship Hall, 6:00 p.m. \$10/person Joyful Ringers Handbell Concert Fellowship Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, December 14, 2022

TOPS Weight Loss Support Group Fellowship Hall, 9 a.m.

Sufficient Grace Practice Sanctuary, 9:45 a.m.

Staff Meeting Church office, 11 a.m.

FSP Committee Meeting 11 a.m.

PW Ruth Circle BYOL and Bible Study Fellowship Hall, 11:30 a.m.

Joyful Ringers Practice Choir Room, 5:30 p.m.

## Thursday, December 15, 2022

Advent Lunch & Learn Fellowship Hall, 11:30 a.m. Sign up not necessary

#### WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

Rev. RJ Leek

#### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

**Bob & Sandy Averitt** 

Keith & Peggy Haines

Lay Leaders

PRELUDE Carole Makus, Piano

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

\*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing \*The First Noel Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming Sufficient Grace & Congregation Sufficient Grace & Congregation Sufficient Grace & Congregation

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsive)

O God of Grace, may we not have received You in vain. When we pray because we desire other's good opinion,

Forgive us, Lord.

When we give our gifts for others' approval,

Forgive us, O God.

When we deny ourselves to get others' admiration,

Forgive us, Merciful One.

When we fail to do unto others as we would like them to do unto us.

Forgive us, Spirit of Love.

When we put our privileged selves first,

before the poor and needy and disadvantaged of this world,

Forgive us, Creator of Truth.

When we keep for ourselves more than what we need,

Forgive us, Give-Away God.

Forgive us our sins and trespasses and debts.

Only then can our souls be washed clean and spotless.

Only then can we be Your true servants.

Only then will we reach the pure heart of the matter.

#### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Unison)**

For the heart of the matter

Keith & Peggy Haines Lay Leaders

is that we can find our treasures in heaven,

and also on earth,

so long as we are forgiven

and set free of our burdens and sin.

Bless God who frees us

and lights up our heart-shadows

with the fire of agape - love.

#### PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. RJ Leek

ADVENTURE TIME

Dick Krase

#### **ANTHEM**

Savior of the Nations, Come

Joyful Ringers

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#### Session Members

Alice Coleman Bob Glockler Keith Haines Betty Kramp Dick Krase Milt Levy Beth Malak Betty Palmer Steve Weller

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# DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES

Chancel Choir

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Congregation

Keith & Peggy Haines

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#### **WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**

Huron Carol ('Twas in the Moon of Wintertime) Offertory \*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

## PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

**OUR LORD'S PRAYER** 

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, for ever. Amen.

#### THE SCRIPTURE

Scripture Readings - Isaiah 35: 1-10; Luke 1: 46-55 Keith & Peggy Haines Lay Leaders

#### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"Prepare Your Heart"

**HYMN OF RESPONSE – Hymn #127** Sufficient Grace & \*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne Congregation

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. RJ Leek Sufficient Grace &

RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION \*Emmanuel

**POSTLUDE** Carole Makus, Piano

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\*\*Altar flowers are given by Carole Green, in memory of G. Graham Green III, loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather, for his birthday and their 50th wedding anniversary. "Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure . . . You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure."

\*\*\*PC(USA) Joy Offering will be taken on Sunday, December 18, 2022.

## **Our Purpose:**

Disciples Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. **Our Ministers:** 

The members of First Presbyterian Church.