



Sunday December 18, 2022
4th Sunday of Advent
10:00 a.m.

Worshippers may write prayer requests (joys or concerns), place them in the offering plate/collection box and they will be forwarded to the Pastor

This week at First:

Tuesday, December 20, 2022
Session Meeting, 7 p.m.
Church Office

Wednesday, December 21, 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.

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

Thursday, December 22, 2022
Advent Lunch & Learn
Fellowship Hall, 11:30 a.m.
Sign up not necessary

Saturday, December 24, 2022
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Sanctuary, 6 p.m.

Sunday, December 25, 2022
Christmas Worship Service
Fellowship Hall, 10 a.m.

Church office will be closed
From December 26 – January 2, 2023

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

Rev. RJ Leek

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Bob Glocker & Lynn Shoemaker

PRELUDE

Shabbat Shalom

Carole Makus, Piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel*
**What Child is This?*
O Come All Ye Faithful

Sufficient Grace & Congregation
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O Most Patient God,
we recognize how much we need You for life itself.
But how often have we behaved
as if we did not know or even care about You?
How often have we become the ones
who do not carry out justice?
How often have we tried to dominate others
even as You stand with them?
How often have we participated
in the desolation of Your creation
by our treatment of the heavens,
the earth and its waters?
Forgive us for these times when we have lost our way.
All Loving God, we want to be among
those whom You seek.
Shower Your mercy upon us.
Find us, and lead us safely home to faithfulness.

Keith & Peggy Haines
Lay Leaders

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Responsive)

My friends, when we are lost, all is not lost.
God is seeking us, ready to turn our lives around,
gathering us in to the people of God.
Let us rejoice in God's mercy!
In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Amen!

Keith & Peggy Haines
Lay Leaders

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. RJ Leek

ADVENTURE TIME

Dick Krase

ANTHEM

Al Shlosa D'Varim

Chancel Choir

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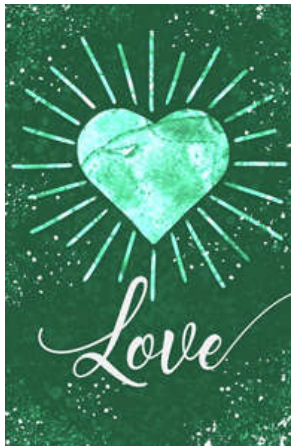
Session Members

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

Deacons

Deb Krase
Earl Lemon
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DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES

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WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Special Music

Carole Makus & Cathy Bullock
Piano Duet
Rev. RJ Leek

Offertory

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Keith & Peggy Haines
Lay Leaders
Rev. RJ Leek

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 7:10-16; Matthew 1: 18-25

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"Prepare Your Soul"

Rev. RJ Leek

HYMN OF RESPONSE – Hymn #141

**O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Sufficient Grace &
Congregation

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. RJ Leek

RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

**Emmanuel*

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POSTLUDE

Christmas Auld Lang Syne

Carole Makus, Piano

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Congregational Meeting today after worship service on the election of Deacon and approve Pastor's terms of call for 2023.

Our Purpose:

Disciples Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Ministers:

The members of First Presbyterian Church.