

ORDER OF SERVICE

1st Sunday of Advent
December 1st, 2024

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Announcements & Affirmation of Community

Minute for Mission

Joys and Concerns

Prelude "O Tannenbaum"
Traditional German Christmas Song

Silent Reflection Time

Choral Introit "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Plainsong from the 8th Century

Call to Worship

The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
When I will fulfill my promise to my people.
**Justice and righteousness will fill the land
and all will live in peace and safety.**

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"
Text by Wayne Wold based on a Yiddish Folk Song

Lighting the Advent Wreath Candles
Sally Blow and Diana Ashline-Beaudet

***Hymn** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" #802

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. Amen. (**Silent Prayer**)

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri** #581
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading **Psalm 25:1-10** pg. 502

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem "Rise Up Shepherd and Follow"
African American Spiritual

Second Reading **Luke 21:25-36** pg. 85-86

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Be on Guard" Rev. Tim Luoma

Silent Reflection Time

***Hymn** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" #829

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

Offertory Invitation

Offertory "The People Who Walked in Darkness"
Text by Marie Louise Brinkley,
Music by Sally Ann Morris

***Doxology** #606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication**

God of righteousness, you have saved us from the worst the world can do and have promised to redeem the whole creation when Christ comes again. In faith and hope we offer our gifts of money and self, that we may be part of what you are doing in the world even now, as we watch for Christ's coming in glory. **Amen.**

Communion

Prayers of the People

The 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

“Alleluia”

Musical setting by Jacques Berthier

***Hymn**

“I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me”

#37

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** “Creator of the Stars and Night”

Sarum Plainsong, 9th Century

Postlude

All are asked to remain seated for the postlude.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Timothy J. Luoma

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Dr. Adrian Carr

CLERK OF SESSION: Judy Bunnell

MODERATOR OF DEACONS: Connie Harrica

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Sadie Prinsen

SEXTON: Sally Ann Blow

Happy Birthday!

Howard Black	12/5	Kaley DuBrey	12/6
Michelle McKinnon	12/6	Richard Cantwell	12/13
Rebecca Amorelli	12/16	Kristine Cantwell	12/18
Alexander Wilson	12/21	Sally McSweeney	12/27
Douglas Walker	12/27	Judith Judge	12/28
Elizabeth Lawless	12/29		

Call for a Special Congregational Meeting

A Special Congregational Meeting is called for Sunday, December 15th, 2024 immediately after the last hymn of the 10 am worship service with in-person and Zoom-attendee participation for the purposes of receiving and acting on the report of 2024 Nominating Committee with recommendations to fill vacancies on Session and the Board of Deacons, and electing congregation members to the 2025 Nominating Committee.

Local Mission Christmas Tree Ornament Project

The congregation is once again invited to provide Christmas gifts to children in Clinton County. The Local Mission Council has received a list of wishes/needs from the Department of Social Services for five young children they serve. These gift requests will be written on colored ornament tags that will be hung on the tree in Fellowship Hall today, December 1st.

Each ornament tag will represent one gift. The ornament message contains the first name of the recipient, age, gender, requested item description. We encourage you to target your expense for gift to be at no more than \$25.

Congregation members are encouraged to take an ornament – both parts, as each ornament will have two (duplicate) parts tied together. Purchase the item and return the gift unwrapped with both parts of the ornament taped to it, either to Fellowship Hall under the tree, the Memorial Room, or on the bench by the church office no later than Tuesday, December 17th. **PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFTS**, although gift boxes for clothing items are always welcome. It is helpful to include a gift receipt in case an exchange may be necessary, especially for clothing items.

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Teach Faith
Practice Love*

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following the service.**

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PRAYER FAMILIES FOR THE WEEK of December 1st, 2024

Chris Duley
Victoria, Grace, and Gabriel Duley
Cathy Ellis
Malcolm & Kathe Fairweather

PRAYER CONCERNS

Matt Burgin and family
Barbara Thompson
Family of Colleen Nagowski

Peg and Jack Myers
John Mazur

This Sunday we thank:

WORSHIP LEADER: Carla Hausrath
USHERS: Judy Bunnell & Anne Bailey
FELLOWSHIP: Dianne & Morris Root
ZOOM COORDINATOR: Carl Payne

Worship Leaders

Dec 8- Anne Bailey
Dec 15- Jim Snook

Fellowship Time

Dec 8- Y&E Advent Potluck
Dec 15- Julie Brunell & Dana Jeweler

Ushers

Dec 8- Julie Brunell & ???
Dec 15- Lynn Mulholland & Linda Gonyo

Zoom Coordinators

Dec 8- Jim Snook
Dec 15- Jennie Booth

Bible Study

Bible Study meets in the Memorial Room on Tuesdays at 10:30am. Each week, they look at the readings for the week. This week they will be looking at Philippians 4:4-7 and Luke 1:68-79. New participants are always welcome!

Community Bake Sale

Saturday, December 7th, we will be hosting once again a Community Bake Sale from Noon to 3pm. There are many ways to volunteer to help out: not only making the baked goods, fudge, and preserves (which we will happily accept, of course!), set-up and accepting donations Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, to work the bake sale, and clean up on Saturday after the bake sale has ended.

Miracle on Margaret Street

Downtown Plattsburgh is getting into the holiday spirit, and our church is no exception! On December 7th, there will be events going on through the afternoon and evening downtown and here at the church.

We will have the Presbyterian Women's Community Bake Sale from noon to 3pm in Fellowship Hall, our Second Annual Carol Sing at 3pm in the Sanctuary, and the E-team's Hot Chocolate Giveaway from 5pm to 7pm in Fellowship Hall. We hope you will join us to ring in the holiday season!

Advent Festival Potluck

There will be a potluck luncheon on Sunday, December 8th after worship, so bring a main dish, side dish, salad, or dessert to share. There will be a hot chocolate bar and an opportunity to make Christmas cards to accompany the poinsettias the Deacons bring to shut-ins and other festive activities of the season.

Caroling

We will be caroling on Friday, December 20th, starting around 5pm and ending with a reception at church. Everyone can bring a happy voice and treat to share. For more information, contact Benjamin at Pomerance.benjamin58@gmail.com.

Winter Solstice Yoga

We will be hosting a two-session Winter Solstice Yoga Class with Heather Bennett on Monday, December 9th and Monday, December 16th at 5pm in Fellowship Hall. Come celebrate the season of love, light, and peace with us with yoga!

The Seven Words of Christmas

Plattsburgh Memorial Chapel is hosting a concert, *The Seven Words of Christmas* with Dr. Adrian Carr on Sunday, December 8th at 3pm. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

Sunday, Dec 1:	9:00 am	Adult Church School
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Worship Service
Tuesday, Dec 3:	10:30 am	Bible Study
	Noon	AA Meeting
	1:30 pm	Knit 'n' Twit (at Mapstone's)
Wednesday, Dec 4:	1:30pm	Parkinsons Support Group
	7:00pm	Plattsburgh Table Tennis
Thursday, Dec 5:	9:15 am	Quilting Group
	Noon	AA Meeting
	6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, Dec 8:	9:00 am	Adult Church School
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Y&E Advent Potluck