

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

November 27, 2011 · 10:00 AM · 1st Sunday of Advent

(* Those who are able, please stand. Large print hymnals & wireless hearing aids available; ask an usher. Members, please wear your name tag.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Fedak

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Passalacqua
Unison Prayer: **Risen Christ, Light of the world,
shine in our lives and shine in our world.**

*HYMN "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" No. 2

*CONFESSION OF SIN Leader: Evan Griffith

Invitation

Unison Prayer

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.

We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment.

We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Sharing God's Peace

Response "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" No. 9

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 64:1-9 OT Bible Page 538
"The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God!"

ANTHEM "People, Look East" French Folk Melody
Our Senior Choir Words E Farjeon

GOSPEL READING

Mark 13:24-37 NT Bible Page 39
"The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God!"

CHILDREN'S TALK

(4yr to Gr1 invited upstairs to Activity Period in 203. Children leave through front exits)

Carrie Scaccia

*HYMN "God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength" No. 191

SERMON "Warning! This Product May Cause Drowsiness"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.
All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.
What has come into being in him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.
The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it

OFFERING

Song of Praise "Lift Up Your Heads" No. 8

Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heaven's employ, Adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Invitation

Offertory Music "Verset" Guittard

Prayer of Dedication

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN "O God of Every Nation" No. 289

*BENEDICTION – concluding with

Pastor:God is good **People:All the time!**

POSTLUDE "People Look East" Barker

Our Mission Statement: The First Presbyterian Church exists to improve our understanding of Christ; to spread His word and teachings; and to reach out to our church family, our community, and the world through acts of compassion, kindness, and love.

A Staffed Nursery & Toddler Care is available during our Services. The room is located on the first floor behind the sanctuary. We also offer an optional **Quiet Room** for parents with small children.

Welcome Visitors to this branch of the family of God. Please leave us your contact information on the pink card that you will find in the pew rack. We pray that you feel at home here and find guidance and strength for your daily life. We invite you to make this church your home. Please share a cup of coffee with us today during our fellowship time immediately after Worship.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS & WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

Ushers today are led by George Vickers. Dec 04: H Thorpe

Our Worship Recorder is Sue Davidson Dec 04: McGibbon

Greeters: Ann Hapanowicz, Joyce Caswell, Joanie Lewis.
Dec 04: Selma O'Meara, Don & Sue Hanson

Our Acolyte is Molly Lewis. Dec 04: Maddie Garcia

After Church Coffee Break is held immediately after today's service in our parlor. Join us for treats & fellowship. Candy Fay hosts. Dec 04: Volunteer Needed

Weekly Congregation & Presbytery Prayer List: Paul, Suzi, Matt & Andrew Abreu, Sally & Jim Adams, Bob & Bev Alessi, Ward & Nancy Beeman and 1st Pres Whitesboro

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS LOCATION

Beverage Break 11:00–11:15am · Church School 11:15–12:15pm

(Nursery Available on the First Floor – Room 107)

Multi-Age Group..... Room 205

Grades 4 – 7 Room 202

Grades 8 - 12..... Room 201

Video Class for Adults..... Choir Room

Pampered Chef Cooking Show & Party to benefit Relay for Life – Monday Dec 05 at 6:30pm in our parlor. Sample tasty treats, goodies, refreshments – All are welcome – RSVP to Sue Hanson, Mikki Taylor or Carrie Scaccia by Dec 02.

Free Books and Cassette Tapes: Court Street Sanctuary Entrance. Help yourself 'til gone

Salvation Army Kettle Ringing: Sat Dec 10 at Wal-Mart. Sign-up today in parlor hallway or narthex. The more the merrier!
Project Angel Tree tags still available. To learn more about these projects and other offered by the Salvation Army, look to the Copperspire and <http://www.fpresbyt.com>

Christmas Cookie Exchange: Sunday, December 18 – Sponsored by our Fellowship Committee – Watch for details!

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today 10:00 amWorship Service
 10:55 amChildren’s Choir
 11:00 amCoffee Break
 11:15 amChurch School
 NoonYouth Choir
 Tone Chimes
 12:30 pmSacred Dance Choir
 Mon Poinsettia Deadline (from Greenhouse)
 Tues 10:00 amPrayer Shawl Ministry
 7:00 pmSerenity Circle
 Wed 9:00 amWednesday Morning Club
 6:30 pmBell Choir rehearses
 7:30 pmSenior Choir rehearses
 Thur 10:00 amCrafty Ladies
 3:00 pmBible Study in library
 7:00 pmSession meets
 Sat 9:00 amDecorate our Church

NEXT SUNDAY: Isaiah 40:1-11; Mark 1:1-8
Voices From the Fringe
 Advent Day Celebration; Fair Trade Sales
 Holy Communion

Relay for Life Pie Sale Thanks – Almost \$200!

Christmas Decorating: Help decorate our church for the holidays next Saturday at 9:00 am. All are welcome!

Our Advent Day Celebration is next Sunday at 12:15pm in our Dining Hall. JOY leads variety of activities; Refreshments, PW Christmas Craft Booth, Helen Adsit Beading Table, Fair Trade Sales, Alternative Gifts, GEMS Raffle & more!

Notes for Advent Celebration: Tone Chimes rehearse during Activity Period; Children & Teen Choirs at last hymn; Sacred Dance regular time

Oneida Area Civic Chorale with 1st Pres Joyful Ringers: Next Sunday at 4pm - Oneida HS; \$10; Students 12 & under: Free. Tickets: Mark & Laurie Maginn, Valerie Wood, Ginny Semp, Faith Merrill, Sandy Taylor, Carol Lee, John & Kim Nethaway

Alternative Gifts Market: Sundays from Nov 20 to Dec 18. Info in sanctuary and at Advent Day downstairs; selections from: Alternative Gifts International, Heifer Project, Church World Service and Samaritan's Purse.

Thank you for your generous response to JOY Group’s request for foil containers for Rome Rescue Mission. Your contributions enabled them to deliver hot meals on Thanksgiving Day!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

For Our Sanctuary In Memory Or Honor Of Loved Ones

Our Nursery School Fundraiser: For convenience let us order flowers on your behalf from River Road Greenhouses in Marcy. Selections will be marked so you are easily able to bring flowers home after Christmas Eve Worship. Check payable to 1st Pres. Church. Submit Ticket below to office by TOMORROW

Of course you are welcome to select your arrangement. Submit Ticket below to office by Monday, December 05 & deliver plants by Friday, December 09 at Noon. Place the completed ticket below in the Offering Plate during Worship. You may also make your requests via the phone, website, [email](#) or directly at the Church Office.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

___ I would like you to order on my behalf.

___ 4 ½“ branched in __ Red, __ Pink, __ White, __ Marble
 ___ 6 ½” branched in __ Red, __ Pink, __ White, __ Marble
 ___ 8” branched in __ Red, __ Pink, __ White
 ___ 10” Patio Pot – Available Only in Red

Pot Cover Choice: ___ Red ___ Gold

4 ½”-\$5.00 / 6 ½”-\$7.00 / 8”-\$20 / 10”-\$25

___ I will choose & deliver my own arrangement

In Memory of:

Requested by:



*And what I
 say to you
 I say to all:
 KEEP AWAKE*
 Mark 13:37

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OUR 2011 CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON
 SUNDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 11 AT 4PM. PLEASE INVITE
 FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO THIS GLORIOUS OCCASION!