Affirmation of Faith** ***An Affirmation of Hope Rev. Melick

One: Clinging to God's promises, let us affirm the hope that is in our hearts: We believe in God who creates:

All: We believe God shows up in clouds, stars, and budding trees. We believe God has named all things good. We believe God's grace appears in the wonders of nature—life, growth, diversity, dependence, and decay. We believe God is still creative and active among us and in our world.

One: We believe in a God who sustains:

All: We believe in the promise of Christ, for whom we wait. We believe that good will prevail over evil. We believe all will be healed and restored. We believe in a future with hope. We believe Christ is transforming the world, here and now.

One: We believe in a God of surprises:

All: We believe the Spirit is moving. We believe we will witness the inbreaking of mercy and justice. We believe in unexpected grace. We believe we are called to keep awake. We believe the Spirit works through us to renew the world.

One: In this season and always, we live with faith.

All: The thrill of hope persists.

***Our Tithes and Offerings** Rev. Melick

Offerings may be placed in the offering boxes at the back of the sanctuary or on the Information Table. You may also give online.

***The Doxology** # 606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer Rev. Melick

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.

***Sending Hymn #132** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

***Charge and Benediction** Rev. Melick

***Congregational Response** *Threefold Amen* Hymn #601

This Week at FPC

November 30 – Ann Murray out of office
December 1 & 2 – Ann Murray out of office
December 1 – 7:00pm, AA meeting
December 2 – 6:00pm, Messy Church and Christmas Pageant – No rehearsal pageant. Everyone is welcome to participate or be in the audience.
December 2 – 7:30pm, choir practice

Mark Your Calendars

December 8 – 7:00pm, AA meeting
December 9 – 7:000pm, choir practice
December 13 - Communion
December 13 – Congregational Meeting following service
December 13 – Session Meeting
December 15 – 7:00pm, AA meeting
December 16 – 7:00pm, choir practice
December 19 – Youth Ice Skating
December 20 – Choir Program
December 22 – 7:00pm, AA meeting
December 24 – 7:00pm, Christmas Eve service
December 27 – Sandwich Ministry
December 29 – 7:00pm, AA meeting

Common Good – November & December we are challenged with adopting the Protein Shelf. Some items include peanut butter, beans, canned tuna, chef Boyardee, canned chicken, chili. Let's fill the baskets.

Kroger Rewards Program –
To Use the Kroger Community Rewards Program:
Visit http://www.kroger.com. Once logged into their Kroger account log into your account, find payments & resources and click, you will see community rewards, search IS924 and chose First Presbyterian Church and Enroll. If you have any questions, please contact Ann in the office.

Giving QR Code

If you would like to give you can scan this QR code and will be given the option to select an amount, fund, frequency, and either credit card or ACH bank transfer. Thank you.

Prayers of First Presbyterian Church Family and Friends

"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you"
~Jeremiah 29:12

In our continuing prayers:

Countries at War
Sarah Gregg - continuing cancer treatment, Cy Acheson's granddaughter
Cy – pray for strength and healing
Logan Eifort – stable but still needs prayers, Keith & Chris Jones grandson
Stacey Creech – prayers for breast cancer treatment, Margie's friend
Jack & Nancy Turner – recovering at home
Diane Kasten – recovery at home
Russell DeLuca – severe neuropathy, Joe DeLuca's brother

Remember and Uphold:

Diane Kline – Vancrest
Alice Lindley
Dale Robertson - Greenbrier
Beth Mickelson – Friends Fellowship Community

Our at Home Shut-ins

Marge Jordan, Julia Withrow, Zoe Barnes

For our Nation and those who serve
Church Members & Friends In The Service

Carson Cooper, Army National Guard – Rusty & Stephanie Cooper's son
Tanner Crabtree, Army – Barb & Randy Wright's nephew
Justin McIntosh, Army National Guard – Bella Hurd McIntosh's husband
Cameron Rife, US Navy – Anne Grim's nephew
Nicholas Rife, US Navy – Anne Grim's nephew
Drew Roach, US Navy – Bonnie Smith's grandson
Ben Freytag, US Navy – Rainelle Tusing's grandson

Soldier's Prayer

Dear Lord, please bless our soldiers, protectors of our land. Servants called to battle when our country takes a stand. Our country's prayers are with them no matter where they roam. Please listen when they are lonely and return them safely home.

Please contact our prayer chain coordinator, Ann Murray, 937-336-0116, email: annmurray916@yahoo.com, call the church office, 937-456-3754, office@eatonfpc.org, or drop a note in the offering plate with updates.

***Hymn #82** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

***Litany of Confession and Passing of the Peace** Jake Schaurer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

We confess our love for power and control that separates us from one another and from you, O God. We cling tightly to wealth because we fear vulnerability. We insist on our own way because we fear change. We reject love and salvation when they come to us from outside our comfort zone. We follow our own paths instead of your own faithful leading. Forgive us through your endless grace and guide us into your truth. Lead us by the mercy of Jesus, who is our way and our life. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: May the peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

***Our Response of Praise –** #581 *Gloria Patri*

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.

Special Music *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

Children's Message *Advent 1* Rev. Melick

Prayer for Illumination Jake Schaurer

Old Testament Scripture Reading *Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19*

Gospel Scripture Reading *Mark 13:24-37*

Response:

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Hope; How Do We Recognize God's Saving Work?* Rev. Melick

***Reflection Hymn #100** *Canticle of the Turning*

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First Sunday of Advent

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Melick
Prelude
Introit Claudia Anderson

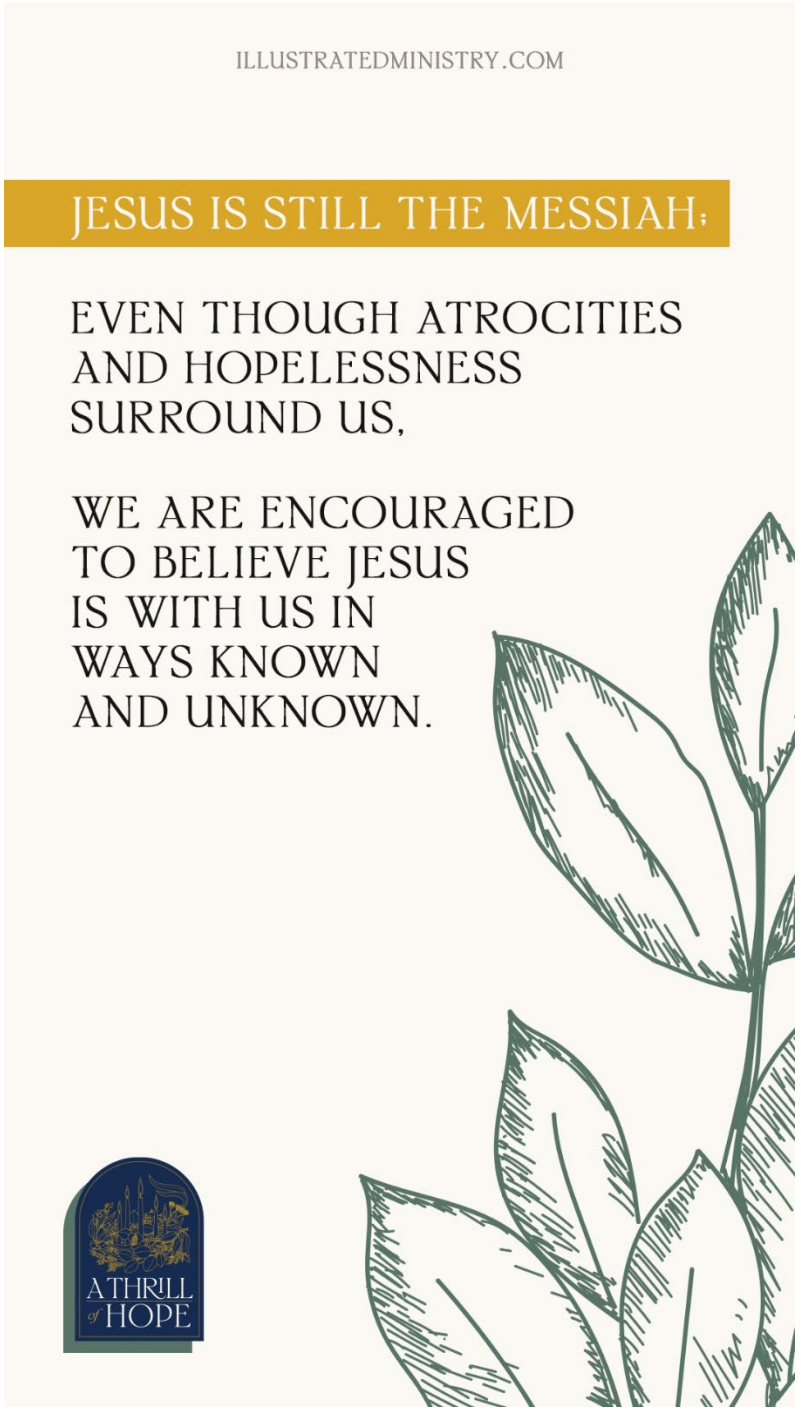
Call to Worship Jake Schaurer

Liturgist: Come, listen.
All: A thrill of hope is calling.
Liturgist: Come, rejoice.
All: A weary world is healing.
Liturgist: Come, watch.
All: A bright star is shining.
Liturgist: Come, worship.
All: The Messiah is coming!

Prayer Jake Schaurer

Advent Candle Lighting George & Debbie Henry

Reader 1: In the midst of busyness, bustling, and buzzing, we pause to breathe and release our burdens. We surround ourselves with candles, lights, greenery, and beauty. May these sights and sounds remind us that we are people of faith, guided by the light of the world. Listen for words of hope on this First Sunday of Advent.
Reader 2: It is difficult to gather in this place without acknowledging the hurt all around us.
Reader 1: There are unjust systems and harmful powers in place that diminish life.
All: What can we do? Where is our hope?
Reader 2: Be alert. Pay attention. There are whispers of hope all around you:
Reader 1: in a meal delivered, a hand extended, forgiveness granted.
Reader 2: As we live between the already and the not yet, we remember salvation doesn't happen when all is right in the world.
Reader 1: The Messiah draws near now, breaking into the present through moments of compassion and flourishing.
Reader 2: In this season of holy waiting and wholly longing, we light the candle of hope.
Reader 1: Saying goodbye to the powers that harm and welcoming the coming of Christ.
All: May the hope of God-with-us thrill and inspire.



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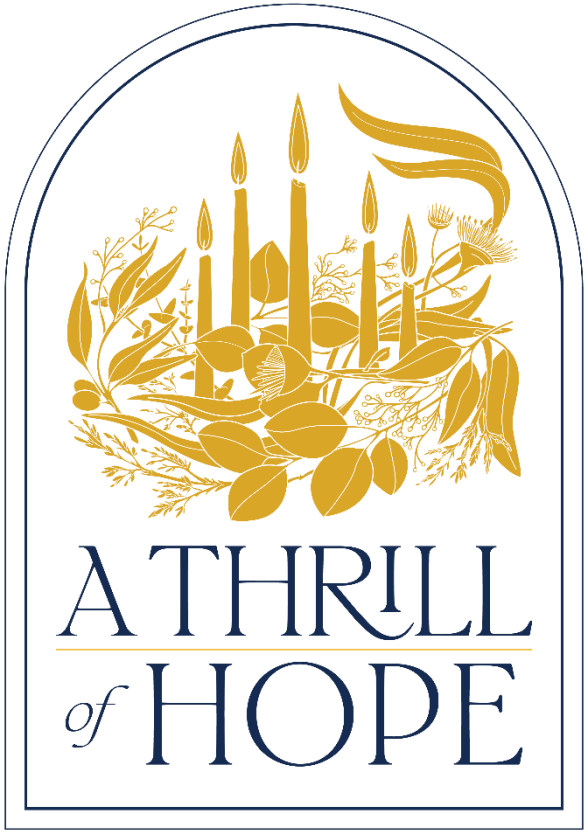
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Listening to God's call, following in the way of Jesus and serving neighbors through the Spirit.
~Approved by Session November 2016

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