

Welcome to worship at Fountain Inn Presbyterian! Please record your presence by signing the friendship pads located in each pew. Visitors, we are especially glad to have you with us today and we invite you to take a blue "Welcome" bag from the narthex tables as you leave worship today. If we can answer any questions about our church family, please speak to Rev. Moss or one of the ushers at the end of worship.

We remember in our prayers Harriet Bagwell, Daniel Elmore, Trip Gilreath, Jane Moss, Cesar Santacana and our at home members.

Special thanks to Karen Reynolds for sharing her musical talents and leadership in worship this morning.

PYC (Presbyterian Youth Connection): This Sunday, December 8: PYC dinner and activity.

All ladies are invited to gather this Wednesday, December 11th at Steam Coffee & Cream at 9:30am.

Presbyterian Women will be hosting their sponsored Thornwell cottage for Christmas dinner at the Coach House this Thursday, December 12th at 5 pm. All ladies are invited to join. If you plan to attend, please contact Rita Garrett.

The Fountain Inn Christmas Shop is next Saturday, December 14th at the Activities Center and will support families of about 60 local elementary students. Families pay \$10 to shop for \$100 worth of gifts. If you would like to donate gifts for the shop, help set up and organize the shop, or assist with shopping or wrapping the day of the event, please speak with Whitney or Shannon.

INN Motion, our monthly adult fellowship group, will gather Thursday, December 19th at 11:30 am in the CFC Meeting Room for a soup and cornbread lunch. Bring soup or a dessert to share, along with a \$10-15 gift for a Christmas gift exchange.

We are preparing for our annual Nativity Worship on December 22. Nativity practice and costume fittings will continue next Sunday during the Sunday School hour. If you have questions, please contact Christian Education chairs Amanda Bell or Donna Ricard.

Poinsettias can be purchased in memory or in honor of a loved one for \$15 each. Please contact Kitty by December 18th with your information which will be included in the December 24th bulletin.

Christgiving Market is an alternative gift giving opportunity where you can make a gift to particular missions and ministries in honor of someone. Christmas card acknowledgements are available in the side narthex. All Christgiving Market donations should be turned into the church office by December 22th.

More Youth Ministry Apparel Coming! If you are interested in purchasing any FIPC Youth Missions apparel, please contact Shannon (864-350-4678 OR shannon@fountaininnpres.org) by noon Monday, December 9 to place your order. Thank you for your continued support of Youth Mission Fundraising.

Serving this Sunday: Head Usher, Charlie Mayfield; Nursery, Amanda Bell and Shea Mayfield
Next Sunday, December 15: Head Usher, Jane Bailey; Nursery, Hayden Bell and Rhonda Craft

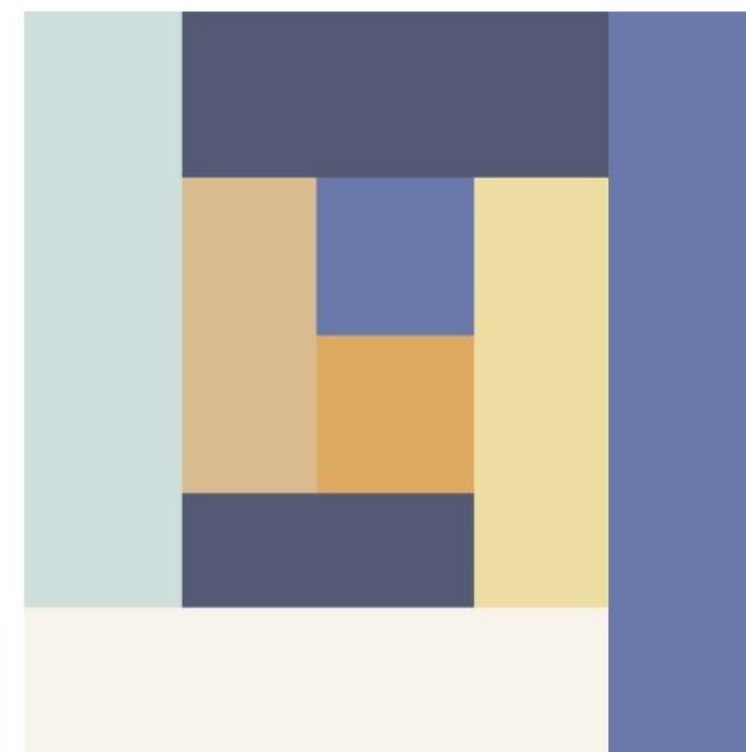
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Blue Christmas Worship



All are invited to join us for a quiet service of candles, music, scripture & prayer.

Sunday, December 15th
6 pm in the sanctuary



WORDS
FOR THE BEGINNING
— WE CAN'T GO ALONE —

FOUNTAIN INN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 8, 2024
Second Sunday of Advent

Chiming of the Hour

Welcoming the Light

Kirklee Wiggins

Preparing the Nativity

Lynn Campbell and Flora Hostetter

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Whitney Moss

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

John and Sarah Hostetter and Family

Prelude

Greensleeves/Carol of the Bells

Jim Brickman

*Call to Worship

Valerie Wilson

In a world that is lonely,

we will save a seat for you.

In a world that is anxious,

we will light candles against the gloom.

In a world that is weary,

we will sing songs of joy and truth.

I am not alone.

We are not alone.

For here in this place, God is weaving us together.

Light the candles! Sing with joy!

*Hymn No. 93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

I have tried to make my own way.

I have tried to lace my own shoes, to build my own house, to kindle my own faith.

I have said a thousand times, “turn back,” as if I am fine on my own.

But the days are long and I am forgetful.

I need your help. Can you remind me?

We will remind you of this everlasting truth:

You are not alone. Where you go, God goes.

You are held in grace. Trust in this good news.

Thanks be to God!

I remember. I believe.

Now we need your help.

We, too, have tried to make our own way.

We have tried to lace our own shoes, to build our own houses, to kindle our own faiths.

We have said a thousand times, “turn back,” as if we are fine on our own.

But the days are long and we are forgetful.

We need your help. Can you remind us?

I will remind you of this everlasting truth:

You are not alone. Where you go, God goes.

You are held in grace. Trust in this good news.

Thanks be to God!

We remember. We believe.

Alleluia! Amen.

*Response Hymn No. 91

Come, Come Emmanuel
Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.
Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

COME, COME EMMANUEL

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Readings

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, Ruth 1

Pew Bible pg. 605 OT

Sermon

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in a with-us God: a God who walks with us in the valley, dances with us on the mountaintop, sings with us through the night and rejoices in the morning.

We believe that this with-us God wired us for relationship, saying to creation on the very first week, “Humans should not be alone.”

Therefore, in an effort to be who God called us to be, we strive to live like the Trinity- connected, united, and centered.

We believe in the power of community.

We commit to learning each other’s names.

We choose to journey with each other, like Ruth with Naomi.

And we remember that no one can go through life alone.

Thanks be to God, for lighting our way.

*Hymn No. 306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

Prayers of the People

Reception of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

In the Bleak Midwinter

Mary McDonald

*Response Hymn No. 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer’s praise,

the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God’s grace!

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given

by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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 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.

*Hymn No. 105

People Look East

BESANCON

*Charge and Benediction

Sending the Light

Postlude

Immanuel

Melody Bober

*You are invited to stand as you are able.