

PARTICIPANTS

Preacher	Pastor Carol Parsons
Director of Children's Ministry	Kate Ballard
Director of Worship Arts	Mary Dailey
Advent Readers	Michelle Bateman, Diane Cannizzaro, Blythe Lund (8:30)
Advent Readers	Andrew and Megan Graham Family (10:30)
Readers	Cheri Blanchard (8:30) , Bob Backus (10:30)
Liturgist	Bill Frear
Ministry of Music and Offertory	Chancel Choir
Acolyte	Owen Ervin
Trustee	Jeff Colwell
8:30 Usher	David Housh
10:30 Ushers	Dick and Cathy Graves, Diane Cannizzaro and John Wilson

REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR WEEKLY COPY OF JOYS AND CONCERNS to see what we're celebrating and who needs prayer. Available at the Windermere and front door entrances and in Chandler Hall.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY THIS MORNING are given by Rick and Tina Wilson in celebration of their daughter, Brittany's birthday.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: A quick meeting to elect new elders and deacons will be held on Dec 23 following both services.

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS TODAY!

- Live video worship space is upstairs behind the balcony.
- Childcare (infant to 4 years) is downstairs on Level 2 (parking lot level) and is available from 10:15 to 11:45am.
- Children's Sunday School -Pre-K to 6th grade should join their parents during the 10:30 worship service. After the children's sermon, children will follow the teachers and shepherds to their Sunday School classrooms Children's Worship bags are also available in the baskets in Chandler Hall and at the front door.

First Presbyterian Church of Littleton Staff

Rev. Cody Sandahl, Minister	Rev. Carol Parsons, Dir. Pastoral Care
James Bierschwale, Interim Youth Coordinator	Kate Ballard, Dir. Children's Ministry
Mary Dailey, Dir. Worship Arts	Karen Meersman, Dir. Handbells & Children/Youth Music
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“But be on your guard. Don't let the sharp edge of your expectation get dulled by parties and drinking and shopping.” Luke 21:34a

First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2018 · 8:30 am and 10:30 am

We love children in worship, all wiggles and noises included. But if you're more comfortable with a space for them to roam, try the video worship behind the balcony.

Please be seated, silence all devices, and quiet yourself for worship.

◆ *Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.*

Prelude "Veni, Veni" arr. by Davis, "O Come, Emmanuel" arr. by Krug
Announcements Pastor Carol Parsons

Welcome

◆ Introit 88 (vs 1) "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

◆ Call to Worship and Lighting of the First Advent Candle, Candle of Hope

Leaders: Christians around the world begin this day to await the advent of Christ. We join with a joyous and hopeful people in lighting the Advent candles, symbols of our faith and signs of God's love.

People: We gather as a people of Hope.

Leaders: Christian people around the world stand today in anticipation of a miracle that has been repeated for hundreds of years, yet that astounds us anew each year.

People: Our hope springs anew, from an ancient vision.

Leaders: As we light the first Advent candle, let it stand for hope based not on wishful thinking, but on deep conviction. We believe, we have seen, we have received the Promise and the Great Gift, and therefore, in the midst of darkness and imperfection, we hope.

People: We gather expectantly, joyfully and with deep commitment, for we have heard that a special Child is to come, that God is to be among us, and that soon we will see a new creation on earth. We are a people of hope.

◆ Hymn 92 "While We Are Waiting, Come"

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon (10:30)

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

(silent confession) **Faithful God, we rejoice that you come again into our lives. Yet we confess that we are still not ready for such a coming. We know the stories, yet we keep them at a distance. We hear the words, but they do not take root deeply within us. Awaken us to your Spirit, let Christ's birth make a difference in our lives and grant us your peace, through the grace of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Hymn 551 "Lord, Have Mercy"

Sharing of God's Love and Forgiveness

◆ Hymn 581 "Glory Be to the Father"

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Ministry of Music "Light the Advent Candles" arr. by Nix

Light the Advent candles in a wreath of green.

Let them be an offering fit for a King.

One for hope and one for love, one for joy and peace,

glowing in the darkness, shine for all to see.

Men of old foretelling of a Savior's birth,

when God came down from heaven to live with us on earth.

Light the Advent candles ...

let them shine for all to see.

Scripture: Luke 21:25-36

Pastor Carol Parsons

The Message "Attitude of Gratitude: The Promise"

◆ Hymn 510 "We Gather Here in Jesus' Name"

Offering

(Please sign the friendship pad in the pews)

Offertory "Ding! Dong! Merrily on High" arr. by Poore

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Apostles' Creed, pg.35 front of hymnal

Communion Music "In the Bleak Midwinter" arr. by Krug, "Twas the Moon of Wintertime" arr. by Giamanco

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

◆ Hymn 136 "Go Tell it On the Mountain"

◆ Benediction

◆ Postlude "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" arr. by Hayes