

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.
After worship please greet your neighbors by name.

Our Approach to God

Prelude "Es ist ein Ros' entspungen," by J. Brahms

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – the Candle of Peace

The Advent wreath reminds us of the everlasting love of God.

Its candles remind us that Jesus is the light of the world.

As we rush to decorate our hearts with the light of Christ.

Let us decorate our hearts with the light of Christ.

The first candle is the candle of hope.

Whatever we face in life, we will put our hope in God.

The second candle is the candle of peace. We need peace in our lives, our homes, our families, and our church. Help us to slow down and seek out the peace that God can provide.

Let us prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ and find real peace in him. May the light of peace shine in our hearts and may we share that peace with others. Lord, make us your candle of peace.

The Response "Light the Advent Candle(Advent Song)" by Mary Lu Walker
Chancel Choir

*The Hymn of Praise "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" 48

*The Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Almighty God, you have made us and all things to serve you; now prepare the world for your rule. Come quickly to save us, so that wars and violence shall end, and your children may live in peace, honoring one another with justice and love; this we pray through Jesus Christ who lives in power with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*The Response (all sing hymn 23 refrain)

"Glo . . . ria, in excelsis Deo; Glo . . . ria, in excelsis Deo"

The Anthem "In Silence We Wait" by Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir

The Word of God

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 11:1-10 page 755 OT

The Time with the Children

The Epistle Reading Romans 15:4-13 page 217 NT

The Gospel Reading Matthew 3:1-12 page 3 NT

The Sermon Rev. Dr. Pomerville

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed (Traditional) Hymnal, page 14

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People," setting by Raymond H. Hahn

*The Doxology

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.

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn "People, Look East" 12

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Congregational Response *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* 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.**

*Postlude

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Advent Wreath Lighters and Liturgist: DJ, Tammi, Isaiah, Gannon & Piper Sova
Greeters:

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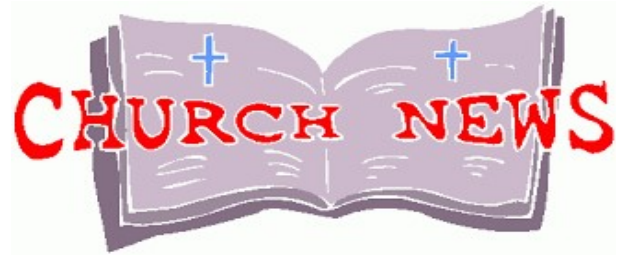
We welcome Rev. Dr. Andrew Pomerville to our pulpit this week. Rev. Dr. Pomerville is the Director of the Center for College & Community Engagement and Senior Chaplain at Alma College. Please give him a warm Second Presbyterian Church greeting!

Second Presbyterian Church

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Poinsettias



If you would like to order a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone special, please fill out the order form and, along with your payment, place in a clearly marked envelope and put it in the basket. All the necessary supplies are on the table by the restrooms in the gathering area. The **deadline to order is TODAY December 4**. These beautiful red or white poinsettias are in a 6” pot, have multiple large blossoms and a bow attached for \$11.00 each. They will decorate the sanctuary for worship beginning on Sunday, December 18, and will stay until after the Christmas Eve service. Take your poinsettias home after the Christmas Eve service.

Music and Worship Committee



Worship

We need your help!! The Music and Worship Committee is looking for volunteers to help with Fellowship Hour after worship service on Sundays. We would like to offer coffee, juice, donuts or cookies after worship service. There is a sign-up sheet available so please look for a Sunday service you would like to host!

Stewardship



We have received 38 Estimates of Giving for 2023. If you have not already done so, please turn in your **yellow 2023 Estimate of Giving slip** either mailing it to the church or dropping it in the collection box. We are working on the budget for 2023 as many of the programs at the church depend upon your estimate of giving. Thank you for your faithfulness.

Inclement Weather Policy

When Saginaw Township Schools have been closed due to inclement weather (snow, ice, temperatures, etc.), any church programming for that day will also be cancelled. This includes any activity of the church or outside groups that use church facilities. Examples are (but not limited to): Session, Committee meetings, Choirs, Bible Study, Women’s Circle, Community events.



- Sunday December 11, we will welcome Rev. Ted McCulloch to our pulpit.
- The church office will be open Monday – Thursday from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm during this transition period. Folks needing congregational care should contact the office at (989) 792-1023 and the appropriate individuals will be contacted. Voicemails and emails will be monitored when the office is closed. Any changes to the hours will be announced in the bulletin announcements and the weekly update.
- We are looking for volunteers to help with shoveling snow this year. Please call the church @ 989-792-1023



The Second Presbyterian Church Session has called a Special Congregational meeting for the purpose of Electing the new Elders. The meeting will be Sunday December 11, 2022 immediately following worship. The nominees are Andrea Drapp, Laura Bosley, Brian McNalley, Kitty Myers and Karen Schadel.