



**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Pipestone, Minnesota**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
**November 28, 2021 – 10:00 AM**

- Prelude** : Come Thou Long Expected Jesus  
Manger Medley
- Lighting of the Candles**
- Sounding of the bell**
- Special Music** : People Look East v. 1 & 2 Donna Flint
- Welcome** : Emily Speer
- Announcements** : Emily Speer
- Call to worship** : Emily Speer
- Leader : How shall we prepare this house for the  
birth of Christ?
- People** : **With garlands of pine and fir, whose  
leaves are ever living, ever green.**
- Leader : How shall we prepare this house for the  
prophet of Galilee?
- People** : **With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of  
his passion, death, and resurrection.**
- Leader : How shall we prepare our hearts for this  
revelation of God?

**People** : **By hearing again the words of the prophets and the promises of God.**

**Leader** : For in the story of Jesus we see revealed the transforming power of God

**People** : **We are reminded anew of God’s vision of wholeness, justice, and peace for all of creation.**

**All** : **Thanks be to God.**

**Invocation (Unison):** Emily Speer  
**God of manger and star, let us enter your story once again and find ourselves kneeling with the shepherds, singing with the angels and worshipping with the Magi. Touch our hearts with the wonder of birth, and the depths of your love. Speak to us in word and song and lift us to the realms of glory. Amen.**

**Special Music** : People Look East v. 3, 4, & 5 Donna Flint

**Invitation to Confession (Leader)** Donna/Robby Flint  
To prepare the people to receive the Christ, the Lord sent a messenger before him. Upon the birth of this child, who was to be called John, his father Zachariah exclaimed, “And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.” Therefore, as those who seek the mercy of the Lord, let us confess our sins together.

**Prayer of Confession (Unison):**

**Loving and Merciful God, today we light the candle of hope, a beacon of light that shines in the darkness. Today we confess the ways we have caused others to feel hopeless. Some feel the hopelessness of hunger because of our greed. Others feel the hopelessness of violence because of our apathy. Still others feel the hopelessness of racism because of our ignorance. Forgive us, gracious God. Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. This we pray in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

**Assurance of Pardon (Leader)**

Donna/Robby Flint

This saying is trustworthy and deserving of our full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He was obedient, even to death on the cross that we, along with him, might be dead to our sin and alive to all that is good. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

**Gloria Patri** : *(Please Stand)*

**Offering** : *(Please place offering in plate by back door)*

**Offering Dedication** : Donna/Robby Flint

**Doxology** : *(Please Stand)*

**Joys & Concerns** : Donna/Robby Flint

**Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer (Unison):** Donna & Robby Flint

**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. 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 and ever. Amen.**

## ~Hanging of the Greens Service~

**Reading (Toni Kruger) :** The Meaning

### **Paraments**

**Scripture (Toni Kruger) :** based on Isaiah 40: 3-5

**Reading (Toni Kruger)**

**Hymn #13 :** Prepare the Way

**Placing of Paraments :** Glen & Lana Eeten

### **Advent Wreath**

**Scripture (Brandi Schaap) :** based on Jeremiah 23: 5-6

**Reading (Brandi Schaap)**

**Hymn – Sing the Faith #2090:** The Advent Song Verse 1

**Lighting of the Advent Candle:** Cassie Carson & Family

**Hymn (*See Insert*) :** Candles Glowing Verse 1

### **Wreaths & Garland**

**Scripture (Brandi Schaap) :** based on Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

**Reading (Brandi Schaap)**

**Hymn #9 :** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**Placing of Wreath & Garlands:** Rose Vanderpoel & Emily Speer

## **Holly & Ivy**

**Scripture (Brandi Schaap)** : based on Isaiah 53: 3a, 4a, 5-6

**Reading (Brandi Schaap)**

**Hymn (*See Insert*)** : The Holly & The Ivy

**Placing of Holly & Ivy** : Kay Kruger

## **Children's Moment**

### **Poinsettia**

**Reading (Laura Wurster)** : The Legend of the Poinsettia

**Hymn #48** : Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

**Placing of Poinsettia** : Laura Wurster

### **Manger**

**Reading (Janet Bush)** : The Christmas Story

**Organ/Piano Duet** : What Child is This

**Placing of Nativity Figurines:** Children

## **Tree Lighting & Decorating**

**Scripture (Donna & Robby Flint):** based on Micah 5: 2-4

**Reading (Donna & Robby Flint)** : based on John 1: 1-5, 9-14

**Organ/Piano Duet** : O Come All Ye Faithful

**Trees lit by** : Emily Speer

**Ornaments assisted by** : Kay Kruger & Emily Speer

**Benediction (Responsive):**

Leader : Go forth from this place an awakened people, aware of the world's darkness, yet reaching for the light.

People : **We see God at work in our world, and that makes all the difference.**

Leader : Go forth from this place an expectant people, conscious of judgment in our midst, yet welcoming God's new order and justice.

People : **We welcome God's new day, believing that Christ will set us free.**

Leader : Go forth from this place a serving people, sensing anew the pain so many bear, yet confident God will bring healing, even through you.

People : **We open ourselves as channels of God's grace, for we have heard good news and we have been empowered to share it.**

Leader : May the God of peace be with us all, this season and forever.

People : **Amen and Amen.**

**Benediction Hymn** (*See Insert*): Let There be Peace on Earth

*(Please Remain Seated in Sanctuary)*

**Dedication of Outdoor Nativity:** Denise Nagel

**Music** (*See Insert*) : O Christmas Tree (O Tannenbaum)

**Outdoor Tree & Nativity Lighting:** (*Please Join us Outside*)

**Countdown for Lighting** (Children)

Following the outdoor lighting, everyone is invited to Westminster Hall for a lunch and fellowship. Today's Fellowship volunteers are the wonderful members of the Worship Committee. If you would like to sign up for fellowship, please do so in the Westminster Hall.

Thank you to our usher/greeter this week: Jim Biever. If you'd like to sign up to be an usher/greeter/candle lighter, please contact the office to volunteer.

### **This Week's Opportunities**

**Today, November 28, 2021**

10:00 AM ~ Hanging of the Greens

Following service, we will have Lunch & Fellowship

**Monday, November 29**

4:00 – 7:00PM ~ Christmas Decorating

**Wednesday, December 1**

6:00 PM ~ JAM @ Peace UMC

**Sunday, December 5**

10:00 AM ~ Worship

11:00 AM ~ Deacon Soup Luncheon



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## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

**November 28, 2021**

### **Christmas Decorating Tomorrow, November 29<sup>th</sup>**

We will continue decorating the church for Christmas. The doors will be open for volunteers to come and decorate whenever you're available between 4:00-7:00PM on Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Everyone welcome.

### **Part-time Custodian Position Open**

All interested in applying should apply via Indeed or by sending their resumes to the church email: [firstprespipestone@gmail.com](mailto:firstprespipestone@gmail.com)

### **Poinsettias Available for Order**

Poinsettias are \$8.00 each and can be dedicated "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of". All Poinsettias must be picked up on Christmas Eve or Donated to members of the church who are unable to be with us in person during the holidays. Sign-ups are in the Narthex or can be ordered by contacting the office.

### **Pastoral Nominating Committee**

The PNC has met to begin work to find a pastor. They are in the beginning stages of their work and need your prayers at this time.

### **Fellowship Sign-Ups**

Please sign up for the fellowship. Fellowship Sign-ups are in the Fellowship Hall.

*Attendance on November 21      51 In-Person      69 Online      42 Served*  
*Communion*