



**First Presbyterian**  
Maumee  
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## **November 27, 2022, 10:45 Traditional Service**

*The Promise of a Savior*  
*The First Sunday of Advent*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Armstrong

### **GOD'S PEOPLE OF HOPE GATHER**

\*Call to Worship (*Psalm 105:1-3*)

Kristen Woodard

One: Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness.

**All: Let the whole world know what he has done.**

One: Sing to him; yes, sing his praises.

**All: Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds.**

One: Exult in his holy name;

**All: Rejoice, you who worship the Lord.**

\*Hymn

**"Let All Things Now Living"**

**No. 554**

### **WE APPROACH OUR HOLY GOD**

\*Prayer of Confession

Kristen Woodard

One: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**All: In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. We pray these things through Christ, our Lord. (Silence for personal confession.)**

\*Assurance of Pardon & Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

\*Response

**"Gloria Patri"**

**No. 579**

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Kristen Woodard

Old Testament Lesson

Habakkuk 1:1-7; 2:1-4

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Sermon

“Faith as a Way of Life”  
Habakkuk 3:17-19

Pastor Armstrong

## WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO THE LORD

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

One: Advent is a time of waiting. We wait in anticipation of Christmas, the celebration of Christ's birth.

**All: We wait in expectation and hope for the day when Christ comes again, the full coming of God's kingdom.**

One: How are we to wait?

**All: The psalmist reminds us to wait in hope.**

*(Reading from Psalm 130:5-6)*

One: Today, we light this candle in hope, the hope of our coming Savior, Jesus Christ.

**All: As we wait, let us be people of hope.**

*(Lighting of the first candle & reading adapted from Romans 8)*

**All: We wait in hope, knowing we have the promise of a Savior!**

Response

“I Will Wait For You (Psalm 130)” (chorus)

1. I will wait for You, I will wait for You; on Your word I will re-ly.  
2. I will wait for You, I will wait for You; through the storm and through the night.

I will wait for You, sure-ly wait for You, till my soul is sa-tis-fied.  
I will wait for You, sure-ly wait for You, for Your love is my de-light.

Prayers for God's People & the Lord's Prayer Pastor Armstrong

*If you have a joy or concern that you would like to share with us, so that others can be in prayer with you, please fill out one of our prayer cards (found in the pews or the prayer room) and bring your completed card to one of our prayer team members, located in the prayer room on Sunday mornings. If no one is available at that time, you may leave your card in the prayer box outside of the prayer room.*

Musical Offering "Prepare the Way, O Zion" arr. Lau

Offering Pastor Armstrong

*Please make your tithes and offerings for the work of the church by giving as you depart the sanctuary, mailing a check to the church office, or by using the "give" button at the top right-hand corner of the church website. A QR code is also available on the giving card in the pews.*

**\*Hymn** **"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"** **No. 9**

## **GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S OWN CHILDREN**

\*Charge and Blessing Pastor Armstrong

**\*Response** **"Benediction (May the Peace)"**

\*Postlude

*\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

### **Worship Leaders Today**

Assistant Pastor: Jason Armstrong

Director of Worship & Music: Kristen Woodard

Organist & Chancel Choir Director: Wayne Whitten

Tech Team: Paul LaPorta, Bill Woodruff

### **Flowers**

This morning's flowers are given to the glory of God,  
by the Woodruff Family, in memory of Norma Woodruff.

### **Advent**

At the conclusion of the Christian year, we celebrate the sovereignty of the God who is known to us in Jesus Christ. On this day, as on every day, we give honor and glory to the Lord of heaven and earth, and watch and pray for the coming of

God's realm of righteousness, justice, and peace. Above all earthly powers, the crucified and risen Lord alone claims our adoration and allegiance. We proclaim that Jesus Christ is first and last, beginning and end, Alpha and Omega.

*- from the Book of Common Worship*