



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024 at 11:00 am

450 Randolph Avenue, Elkins WV 26241 304.636.2788

Worship each Sunday is broadcast live over WDNE 1240 AM and live-streamed on our Facebook Page www.dmpc.org

WELCOME AS WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to DMPC for worship this morning. If you are visiting with us we ask you to complete a Visitor Card, found in the pew rack, and place it in the collection plate during the Presentation of Offerings. Our church is accessible to wheelchairs with a designated area to the left of the chancel in the "Amen Section".

We thank Lynne, Holly, Elliot, and Grant Harper for being greeters this morning. We thank Phil Becker for being our liturgist this morning.

INTROIT: Creator of the Stars of Night Sarum plainchant, 9th c.

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

HYMN #85 Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (first verse only)

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill my promise to my people.

P: Justice and righteousness will fill the land and all will live in peace and safety.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN #105 People Look East

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus said, do not let your hearts be weighted down by the sins and worries of this life, but watch and pray for the grace of God, who will save you in your time of trial. With confidence in God's mercy, let us confess our sins.

^{*}indicates an invitation to stand, if you are able.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Lord, have mercy on us.

We are not ready for your coming.

We live in sin, as though there were no justice.

We live in fear, as though there were no grace.

Forgive us, Lord.

Show us your mercy and steadfast love.

Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.

*KYRIE ELEISON (Lord, Have Mercy)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God

May the Lord guide your way, strengthen you in all holiness, and may you abound in love for one another and for all.

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

FROCEAINING GOD 3 WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament

Jeremiah 33:14-16

pew Bible page 693

New Testament

Luke 21:25-36

pew Bible page 80

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOD'S WORD FOR OUR LIVES

"Waiting on Wild Things"

Dr. Tanner Capps

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

*HYMN #82 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEMHow Far is it to Bethlehem? arr. by M. Hayes, 2004
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How far is it to Bethlehem: not very far.

Shall we find the stable room lit by a star?

Can we see the little child, is He within?

If we lift the wooden latch, may we go in?

May we visit the creatures there, oxen and sheep?

May we peek in the stall and see Jesus asleep?

If we touch His tiny hand, will He awake?

Will He know we've come so far just for His sake?
Great kings have precious gifts and we have naught.
Little smiles and little tears are all we have brought.
For all weary children Mary must weep, here on this bed of straw, sleep, children sleep.
God in His mother's arm, babes in the byre, sleep as they sleep who find their heart's desire.

Estrid Garver-Daniels, Olivia Perske, Julianna Stark, soprano

Tyler Perske: bass

Cassie Norwood, Gloria Mullennex: alto

Logan Mullennex, Ben Long: tenor

*DOXOLOGY #606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN #529

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

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FOLLOWING GOD INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE HYMN #88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Verses 1 and 2 only)
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*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

FAITH COMMUNITY NOTES

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

"ALL GOD'S CHILDREN HAVE A PLACE IN THE CHOIR"! Inviting all children and youth to join Olivia Perske as she leads our children's choir. Rehearsal will be in the upstairs Sunday School room at 9:45am on December 1st, 8th, and 15th.

The Children's Choir will perform during our morning service on December 22nd.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH...

Our Children's Church will kick off in January! The time for Children's Sunday school will move from 9:45am to 11:15am after Children's Time in Worship. Children will be excused from worship to attend Sunday School upstairs.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Tyrand Parish will prepare our food baskets this year. There are Christmas boxes in the White Chapel and the back of the sanctuary in which to place your food donations. Monetary donations may be placed in the offering plates, mailed or dropped off to the church office. Please write "Christmas Baskets" on the memo line.

MITTEN TREE

Winter has arrived! And it is time to decorate our Mitten Tree with warm items for the kids in our Elkins community. The tree is waiting in the White Chapel for your donations of gloves, hats, scarves, and socks. Monetary contributions may be dropped off to the church office or mailed to the church.

"I was shivering and you gave me clothes." Matt. 25:34-36 MSG

POINSETTIAS

The Presbyterian Women will be decorating the sanctuary with red poinsettias for Christmas. You will find a form on the table in the White Chapel to purchase a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a special person for \$15.00. You may also make a donation to the PW Scholarship Fund in lieu of a poinsettia. Please return the form and payment to the Church Office by December 15th.

Christmas Eve
The Christmas Eve Service at Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church
begins at 5:00 p.m.

Our live stream for Sunday Morning Worship is on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/dmpcElkins.

The weekly bulletin and the monthly newsletter are also available on our website: www.dmpc.org

OFFERINGS: You are invited to place your offering in the collection plate during the Presentation of Offerings, donate through the website by activating the "Online Giving" box, or by mailing it to the church office.

DAVIS MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Interim Pastor Rev. Thomas Wesley Moore, IV

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THE SESSION

Class of 2024Class of 2025Class of 2026Tessa Garver-DanielsPhil BeckerMina CuppDavid HyerBrenda KirkpatrickDebra Everhart

Linda Rudy Monica Varchetto David Messinger

WEEKLY CALENDAR December 1, 2024

SUNDAY

9:45am Dr. Lacy Class

9:45am Sunday School for Elementary Children

11:00am Worship Service

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

10:00am PW Coordinating Team/Fellowship

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

9:45am Dr. Lacy Class in Dunham Room

9:45am Sunday School for Elementary children

11:00am Worship Service

11:15am Sunday School for Elementary children

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARTNERS AND THE WORLD

† Health care workers and first responders

† 226th General Assembly co-moderators, Rev. Cecelia Armstrong and Rev. Anthony Larson

† D&E College students, faculty and staff

† Our sister church in Kenya, Kangaita

† Our nation's leaders

† Mission Co-Workers around the world

† Presbyterian University of East Africa as they seek financial stability

† Kagio-ini, Wandumbi Parish, Kenya

PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA

Riverlawn Presbyterian Church, St. Albans Village Chapel Presbyterian Church, Charleston

BREAKFAST AND BIBLES

Dec. 01 Acts 5-11 Review

9:30am-10:45am

Common Door space in Tip Top Coffee Shop

breakfastandbibles.weebly.com

PRAYER LIST

ERCC 1175 Beverly Pike, Elkins

Chuck Leary, Jessie Somers

Mountain Memories 301 Wilson Ln, Elkins

Adrienne Vance, Julia Varner

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Anna Harper

PRAYER FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

† Joyce Allen

† Howard Bell

† Donnie Corbin

† Lizzy, Brian & Molly McCrae.....

Members of Debra Everhart's family

† Nancy Forinash

† Nicholas Hartley

† Bob Hermanson

† Vickie Hinzman

† Dick & Gayle Moore

† Chuck Leary and Debora Springer

† Dana Marzolf

† Chrissy Starcher & her family

† Ruth Whitesel

† Keitha Wing

† Family of Eugene Foster

† Family of Hollis Vance