

## November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Prelude	‘Acolytes light candles’	9:30
Announcements		
* Responsive Reading	(Psalm 24)	UMH 212
* Hymn	“Fairest Lord Jesus”	UMH 189
* Prayer	(Unison) <i>[Abingdon]</i>	
Almighty God, you warn us to read the signs for the coming of your glory—in the sun, the moon, the stars, the roaring of the seas and the waves, the distress among the nations. We have seen it all before. Nothing seems to change. Help us live with courage in this age of ambiguity where wars are fought for peace and freedoms are stripped in the name of liberty. Forgive our lapse of focus, our sense that nothing ever really changes. Teach us to wait with patience, that we may be ready as our redeemer draws near. Amen.		
Special Music	“Enter His Courts with Praise”	Choir
Lighting the 1st Advent Candle	Prophetic Hope	The Lynch Family
Children’s Message	“Jesus Loves the Little Children”	Pastor Randy
“Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world, every child in every land, Jesus holds them in His hand, Jesus loves the little children of the world.”		
Centering Hymn	“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” (Verse 1)	UMH 196
Prayer for Illumination	(Unison) <i>[Abingdon]</i>	
Make your ways known, O Lord; teach us your paths. Lead us into your truth and instruct our hearts—for you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait all day long. Amen.		
*Scripture Reading	Jeremiah 33:14-16, Luke 21:25-36	
L: This is the word of our Lord! All: Thanks be to God.		
Message	“This Sounds Promising”	
Tithes and Offerings	Prayer of Thanksgiving	Offertory
Prayers of Intercession	W/Lord’s Prayer	UMH 895

\*Sending Hymn “I Know Whom I Have Believed” UMH 714

\*Benediction *(Congregation turn and look at the Ascension window)*  
Go into the world and tell people about Jesus. May the Lord Jesus bless you and keep you, may He shine his face upon you and give you peace. Amen.

\*Postlude

*Our prayers for peace, health, and wholeness are shared with: Aleta Harpster, Judy Headings, Jim Harpster, Sr., Agnes Runk, Rick & Jo Freed, Alan Kratzer, Ronald Haines, Deb Spickler, Paul and Nadine Bryan, Mason McNitt, Pam Bell, Bob and Ruth Broome, Brandon Marker, Steve Colmen, Tammy Nichols Logan, Ken Barnes, Linda Wilson, Joann Byers, Linda O’Dell, Peg Shilling, Lise Annis, Ronald Briar, Nox Hepburn, Josh Baker, Judy Brown, Kenneth Zook, Sharon Morgan, Dan Kenshaw, Don Bell, Lorraine Haines, Stacy Mohr, Gary Booher, Mel Shipley, Kim Heimbaugh, Vicki Isaac, Sheila Saurbeck, Bette Renshaw, Robin Eicker, Claire Crock, Brian Swartz, Larry Osborne, Harry Peffer, Troy Gro, Eileen Wismer, Kristie Ross, Janie Wagner, Jesse Lyons, Riley Faith, Lance Hanson, Don Linn, Scot Sechler, Larry Irvin.*

*The altar flowers are presented in loving memory of Roy Smith by Estella, children, and grandchildren.*

*Poinsettia order forms are at the Welcome Center for purchasing Christmas poinsettias. Please enclose the order form in your envelope with payment and return to the church office or drop in the offering plate. Due Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, take them home Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>.*

December 5 - Scripture: Micah 5:1-5a, Luke 2:1-7 – “The Definition of a Promise”

Our “Toys 4 Tots” boxes are available for unwrapped donations for 2 more weeks. **Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast** Saturday 12/4, 7 AM till 1 PM. Adults \$6 and Children \$2. **Christmas Cards for the homebound and those unable to attend worship will be collected through Sunday, Dec. 12th. The list is available @ the Welcome Center. Thank you for participating in this important and greatly appreciated ministry.**

A special UM Cluster Charge Conference is scheduled for Thursday December 2, 2021 at 7 PM in the Stevens Room to attend to circumstances surrounding the churches of Mifflin County who have had or have a Boy Scout Troop in their church. Two members from the Milroy Charge, Granville, First, Walnut St., Trinity, McVeytown, Yeagertown, and Rhodes are all that is necessary to attend to business (Council and Trustee Chairs). The time to take advantage of our Window restoration matching grant is growing short and presently we are at \$2,973 until we hit the goal. Your help and generous gifts will move us toward the culmination of our task. Thanks in advance!

*Our tentative schedule for Christmas Eve is going to be two services at 7 and 11 PM. Pray that covid diminishes and that our plans may come to fruition.*

Ministers Serving Today Are: The Congregation of First U.M. Church

Pastor: Rev. Randy Hughes  
Deacon of Caring Ministries: Rev. Karen McCachren  
Christian Education/Youth Director: Crystal Ferencz  
Outreach Coordinator: Jen Lynch  
Secretary: Jamie Strawser  
Liturgist: TBS  
Children's Message: Pastor Randy  
Music Director: Katie Becker  
Organist: Lauri Dulis  
PowerPoint/Tech: Doug Lynch/Jared Lynch  
Custodian: Cassie Martinez  
Office Manager: Rob Hagenberger

November 21<sup>st</sup> Attendance and Offering

Attendance .....	97
Regular Offering .....	4684.00
Plate/S.S. ....	424.00
Matthew 25 .....	
Quarters for Mission.....	1.75
Windows (needed to reach matching gifts \$2,973).....	3550.00
Other Gifts .....	
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>8659.75</b>

Calendar

Today **9:30 – Worship** 9:30 AM **Facebook Live**  
Monday 7 PM New Ray of Hope  
Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study  
Thursday 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir 8 PM AA  
7 PM Cluster Conference (Council/Trustee Chairs only)  
Sunday **9:30 – Worship** 9:30 AM **Facebook Live**

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**200 E 3<sup>rd</sup> Street**  
**Lewistown, PA**  
**November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

*Are you a guest this morning? Thank you for coming to First Church!  
We are honored to join with you in worship and pray your visit is a time of  
refreshing. Please take time to fill out a 'Guest Card' located on the back of  
the pew and place it in the offering plate. We look forward to your presence  
in future services. Please check out our website and Facebook page.*



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