

Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church



Worship for November 27, 2022

First Sunday in Advent

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Prelude

Wachtet Auf

J.S. Bach

Meditation (in preparation for worship)

"So in Christ's name, I commend this madness and this fantastic hope that the future belongs to God no less than the past, that in some way we cannot imagine holiness will return to our world."

Frederick Buechner
in *The Hungering Dark*

"But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience."
Romans 8:25

"Waiting for God is an active, alert - yes, joyful - waiting. As we wait we remember him for whom we wait, and as we remember him we create a community ready to welcome him when he comes."

Henri Nouwen

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here! If you are new or visiting, please sign the guest pad in the pews so that we may get to know you better and send you our e-newsletter. Please join us for refreshments during our Fellowship Hour after the service.

Please stand if you are able. **Congregation reads responses in bold print.*

Lighting the Candle of Hope

Haas-Quirk Family

Scripture: Romans 13:11-13a

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.

***Hymn # 88**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Plainsong

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lynda Wheat

God of the future as well as the present: we confess that your abiding presence with us repeatedly takes us by surprise, that we do not bother to search for signs of your love in the world, or trust your promises to be true. We have expected little, hoped for less and fallen into doubt and fear. Forgive us, God, and renew in us all fine desires. Strengthen us to watch and wait and work for a future worth living. Make us ready to embrace those changes which truly matter..

Silent Prayer

A Time of Silence

[Please take this time in silence to offer your own prayers of confession—confessing your need for God and naming those barriers that keep you from knowing life as God's beloved child.]

Collect #469

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Declaration of Pardon

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Through Christ, God restores us to faith, hope and love.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***Passing the Peace**

***Gloria (Hymn #583)**

Glory to God

Glory to God, Glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, Glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

Children's Conversation

Hymn

Jesus Loves Me

(Teacher and students leave for class.)

Scripture:

Matthew 24: 36-44

Lynda Wheat

But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Hymnlike a child*

Damon

like a child

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Unison Gm C Am Dm

1 like a child love would send to re-veal and to mend, like a
2 like a child we will meet, rag-ged clothes, dirt-y feet, like a
3 like a child born to pray and to show us the way, like a

Gm C F D7

child and a friend, Je - sus comes like a
child on the street, Je - sus comes like a
child here to stay, Je - sus comes like a

Gm7 C Am Dm7

child we may find claim-ing heart soul and mind, like a
child we once knew com-ing back in-to view, like a
child we re-ceive all that love can con-ceive, like a

Gm7 C11 F

child strong and kind, Je - sus comes
child born a - new, Je - sus comes
child we be - lieve Je - sus comes

Offering

Anthem

Let All Mortal Flesh Silence

Holst

*Doxology

*Dedication

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and 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 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 and ever. Amen.

*Hymn #97

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

Parry

Benediction

Postlude



Welcome to our worship at Pebble Hill!

If you are with us for the first time, we hope that you find our worship meaningful and our fellowship inviting.

Please reach out to Pastor Stuart or Nancy Byrne to learn more about Pebble Hill Church.

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Please keep in your prayers this week

- ❖ We pray for all caregivers.
- ❖ We pray for New Jerusalem and Eastern Farmworkers as they assist those in need in our communities.
- ❖ We pray for the victims of earthquakes, floods and storms throughout the world.
- ❖ We pray for all those experiencing famine throughout the world.
- ❖ We pray for the people of Ukraine.
- ❖ We pray for this country; may it find peace from all the discord.
- ❖ We pray for the Elders and Deacons of this church. We pray for the PNC.

Announcements



November 29 is Giving Tuesday. Please consider gifts to the Presbyterian Giving Catalog. We have catalogs in the Atrium or you can go online at www.presbyteriangifts.org.

Save the Date: Our next **Samaritan Center Serving** is Saturday, December 3rd.

Communion Servers are needed December 4 and January 8. Please sign up in the Atrium or contact the church office.

An **Inquirers Class** will be offered in January. Visitors who have been worshipping at PH and would like to know more about this Faith Community are invited to attend. The two classes will be held Sunday morning after Worship. Please speak with Nancy Byrne or Pastor Hayes if you have any questions.

This Week at Pebble Hill 11/27-12/3

Sunday	6:00 pm	Master's Touch Rehearsal – Forum
	6:30 pm	Schola Cantorum Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Monday	6:00 pm	PNC Committee – Forum
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Daisy Girl Scout Troop – Kindergarten Room
	6:00 pm	Syracuse Chorale Rehearsal – FH
Wednesday		
Thursday	5:00 pm	Salt Lake City Ukulele – FH
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice – Choir Loft
Friday		
Saturday	12:00 pm	Samaritan Center Serving – Samaritan Center

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THANKS TO THOSE WHO ARE LIVE STREAMING THIS MORNING'S SERVICE.



SERMON NOTES