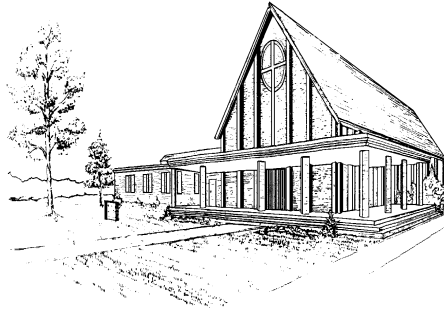


## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



### **Sunday Service of Worship November 27, 2011 10:30 am First Sunday of Advent**

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**November 27, 2011 10:30 AM**  
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**CHIMES**

Bill D'Andrea

**PRELUDE**     *Of the Father's Love Begotten, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Arr. by Linda McKechnie

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT**

Acolytes Matthew and Mark Polcer

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Michelle Perrotta

O loving God, you have awakened us from sleep and have led us to this place. Now let us experience your presence as we encounter your living Word. We give you thanks for giving us our identity as children of God, brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, and for binding us together in this body. Through our worship and work deepen in us our practice of the discipline of gratitude.

Help us in this season to remember your unexpected appearance among us in the birth of a vulnerable child. Help us to anticipate your unexpected presence among us in those who are hungry, thirsty, or in need of clothing, and in those among us who are strangers, sick, or in prison. And help us to keep awake and watchful for that unknown day or hour when you shall come again to fulfill your intentions for your good creation.

As our own days continue to shorten, make your light to shine in our lives so that we may more perfectly love you. May we reflect that light into the world you create and redeem in love. For you are our God, and we are your people, and we await your coming.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Pastor Fred Woodward

Please fill out "Ritual of Friendship & "Concerns of Our Church Family"

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

The Polcer Family

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming.

We are preparing ourselves for the days when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks.

**(Unison) Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 89**

*Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring*

**CALL TO WORSHIP****(adapted from Ps. 80)**

Michelle Perrotta

Leader: Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.

**People: Awaken your might; come and save us.**

Leader: Restore us, O God; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.

**People: Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself.**

Leader: Revive us, and we will call upon your name.

**People: Restore us, O LORD God Almighty; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.****All: Let us worship God.****SONGS OF PRAISE***He Has Made Me Glad***(see insert)***Awesome God***(see insert)****CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Pastor Fred Woodward

**CONFESSION OF SIN** (unison)

God of light, once again we approach this season of Advent sluggish and unprepared, unfocused or focused on the wrong things. Busy with our own preparations, we are not alert to your coming. Exhausted by trying to do everything ourselves, we are too tired to keep awake in watch for you.

Surprise us with a newness that we cannot control. Restore us and lead us into life that our lives might testify to your faithfulness. Nurture in us the discipline of gratitude for the grace that you have given us and shall give us as we eagerly await the revelation of our Lord and Savior.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON****RESPONSE***Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING****Isaiah 64:1- 9****pg. 783, lg. print pg. 1161**

Elder Alex Ames

**NEW TESTAMENT READING****Mark 13:24-37****pg. 1063, lg. print pg. 1578**

Elder Alex Ames

**HYMN No. 86***Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus***TITHES AND OFFERINGS****ANTHEM** *Breath of Heaven* (see insert)Soprano Soloist, Christina Tomek  
Christopher Eaton and Amy Grant, Arr. Don Hart



**BENEDICTION**

**\*SINGING OUR HOPE**

**Edelweiss**

**Come, O Lord, be with us.  
Fill us with joy and thanksgiving.  
May our hearts flow with peace.  
Come with your love and surround us.**

**Friendship and peace, may they bloom and grow.  
Bloom and grow forever.  
Bless us now, bless our friends  
Bless all your people forever.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent*

French Carol, Arr. Don Hart

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**Calendar for the Week of 11 / 27 / 11**

**Today, Sunday 11/27, 1st Sunday of Advent**

9 AM EBENEZER WESLEYAN CHURCH  
WORSHIP SERVICE CE  
10:30 am Worship Service  
12 pm Adult Bible Study  
6:30 pm Friendships of Women  
7 PM EBENEZER WESLEYAN CHURCH  
WORSHIP SERVICE CE

**Monday 11/28 2 pm Grace Circle-TBD**

**Tuesday 11/29**

**Wednesday 11/30 2 pm Pastor Fred's Lectionary Bible Study**

**Thursday 12/1 7 PM EBENEZER WESLEYAN BIBLE STUDY CE  
8 pm Choir**

**Friday 12/2 10:30 am Bible Study  
6:30 pm CE Hall MNA Group Party**

**Saturday 12/3 6:30 pm Communion Dinner**

**Next Sunday 12/4, 2nd Sunday of Advent, Communion Sunday**

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                  WORSHIP SERVICE CE

**UPCOMING STEEPLE CHIMES DUE DATE AND FOLDING DATE**

**Materials for the January Steeple Chimes are due by Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am, and will be folded on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, and mailed.**

**MINISTRIES WEEK OF 11 / 27 / 11**

**GREETERS:** Greeting us today before the service are Russ and Lois Vollmer.

**ASSISTING IN THE PULPIT** this morning is Elder Alex Ames.

**SESSION LISTENING POST:** Elder Meg Lawrence, 757-1245, will be available after Worship in the hall by the office for any who would like to share their ideas or insights about the ministry of the Church.

**COFFEE HOUR:** Assisting with Coffee Hour is June Spence.

**ELDER ON CALL:** Elder Alex Ames, 273-4061, will be available during the week to respond to questions or concerns you might have related to the ministry of this church.

**DEACONS ON CALL:** Deacon Maria Francis-Henry, 754-8227, and Deacon Maria Hottinger, 421-5380, are here to serve you. If you or someone you know has a spiritual, physical, or financial need, the Deacon on Call will try to help you! Just call the Deacon or call the church office. All information will be kept confidential.

**THERE IS AN ACTIVE PRAYER MINISTRY IN GREENLAWN CHURCH.** Please feel free to call with your request for loved ones, friends, neighbors or yourself. Call Betty Chatfield at 261-8104 or email her at [bbcny22@aol.com](mailto:bbcny22@aol.com).

**NEEDS REQUESTS** If you know of someone in need, please fill out the blue form & place in the box located by the food pantry.

**FLOWERS FOR THE CHANCEL**—Each Sunday flowers beautify the Chancel of our church. We would encourage any and all to donate flowers for birthdays, anniversaries, “in memory of”, etc. A check for **\$30 (please note the change in price)** should be made to Greenlawn Presbyterian Church. *To order flowers in November, please call the church office, 261-2150. Barbara Small will collect the money.*

**Prayers of the People**

**Your prayers make a difference!**

**Please keep the following people in your prayers:**

Kayla Marine  
Kim Dodge  
Troops Worldwide  
Hurricane, Earthquake, Tornado & Flood ravaged Cities & People  
Announcements for the week of 11 / 27 / 11

Maria Hottinger  
Michele Roberts  
Peoples of Haiti & Japan

- ◆ **The flowers on the Lord's table** are given in loving memory of our father, Ken Kuhn, by Karen & Bruce Cefalo and Sue & Kevin Ferrell.

.. **Jackets For Jesus** –*The Youth Group, again this year, is collecting gently used coats and jackets. See collection box in the church hallway.*

- ◆ **BECKY DODGE** is recuperating after knee surgery at Carillon Rehab. Center, 830 Park Ave, Huntington, NY 11743 631-271-5800, Room 301, private # 630-0384.
- ◆ **NEW ADDRESS: MRS. EMILY OSBORNE** 227 SOUTH FULTON AVE., LINDENHURST, NY 11757
- ◆ **NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR MARGARET LEE** 631-923-2249
- ◆ **Deacons on Call** If you would like our church to send a card to someone who is ill, facing an operation or just in need of a few encouraging words – please give the name and address to one of the Deacons on Call for this week. They can be found at the Deacons' table in the Narthex each Sunday.
- ◆ **The Friday Morning Bible Study group** meets at 10:30 am in the Parlor. During this time we share ideas and discuss what the Bible says to each of us. All are welcome to join us.
- ◆ **Pastor Fred's Office Hours** You can find Pastor Fred at the church between 11 am and 5 pm Monday through Thursday, though he can be contacted outside those hours for appointments and consultations (631-626-3702). It is still a good idea though to call ahead to make sure that the pastor is not out making visits or attending a meeting.
- ◆ **Come Grow In Christ** The Sunday Adult Bible Study meets at 12:00 Noon.
- ◆ **Friendships of Women** Womens' Bible Study meets Sunday 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm in the Parlor. All women welcome!