First Presbyterian Church
Moundsville, West Virginia
The Order of Worship

Mission Statement
This Presbyterian family of believers exists to proclaim Christ through Worship, Evangelism, Loving Fellowship and Service

November 29, 2026 *First Sunday of Advent* 10:45 A.M.

*Indicates for those who are able—to please stand

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE ONE Ryan Rhodes

Leader(s): Christians around the world begin this day to await the advent of Christ. We join with joyous and hopeful multitudes in lighting the Advent candles, symbols of our faith and signs of God's love.

As we light the first Advent candle we gather as a people of HOPE. Let this candle stand for hope based not on wishful thinking but on strong conviction. We gather expectantly, joyfully, and with deep commitment. We are a people of HOPE.

Advent means "coming." We light this candle as sign of the coming light of Christ. We are preparing ourselves for the days "when nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."

(Light candle)

All: Let us walk in the light of God

Praise Song While We Are Waiting, Come

Call to Worship
L: Give praise to God, for Christ is risen and lives in our hearts!
P: Just as Peter did, we have each denied Christ in our own way.
L: But Christ can call us back to the fold, as Paul was called by the Lord.
P: We each must come before Christ and repent of our sins to know salvation.
L: In our repentatance, let us lift our voices in praise to Almighty God!
All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*Hymn Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

Quiet Reflection

Doxology/Prayer of Dedication

*Prayer of Confession
Lord, so often when faced with insults we have thought only of anger and revenge, and we have not remembered all the times You were patient and accepting with us. Too often fighting back has been more important than hearing Your Word and being witnesses of Your love in today's world. Forgive us, Lord, and give us Your wisdom to be patient. (Silent Prayer of Confession) In Christ we pray. Amen

*Assurance of Pardon/Gloria Patri # 546

First Reading Isaiah 64:1-9

Hymn Change My Heart, O God

Joys and Concerns of the People

Prayers of the People/the Lord's Prayer

Second Reading Acts 9:1-20

Message "Are We There Yet?" Rev. Alan Jeffries

*Communion Hymn Come, Share the Lord

Sacrament of Holy Communion
The Invitation
The Great Prayer
The Distribution

*Affirmation of Faith (Apostles Creed)
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead; the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

*Benediction/Postlude Go My Children With My Blessing

Welcome to all visitors! We're glad you chose to share in the worship of our Lord with us. Please make yourself known to the Minister, sign our guest book in the Narthex and most important, come again.

Attendance (11-22-26) Worship – 21

Prayer cards received this week for: Barbara Blazer, Barbara Long, Lucille Strawn, Rosalyn Rhodes, Chad Cline, Bob & Cheryl Joseph, Ron Burke, Neil Meyers, Rhett Kennedy, John Wagner, Aidan Wade, Daryn Vucelik, Pam Brill, Jay Harris, Rhett Kennedy, Stephanie Perko, Richard Williams, Luis Wade, Lyn Ruble, Dave Steiglebauer, Dick Border, Ruth DeBolt

Birthdays this week: Dutton Louise Brautigan (12-2)

Activities on calendar this week:

Sunday	First Sunday of Advent
	Holy Communion celebrated
Monday	1:00 Bible Study
	6:00 Opus Music practice

The Deacons serving for the month of December are Karen Ealy, Becky Cox, and Ryan Rhodes.

Holy Communion will be celebrated this morning with Elders Bill Groft, Sharon Burke, and Janet Marchlenski serving.

Next Sunday, December 6, the Opus Music Club will hold their annual Christmas Concert at the First Christian Church, 3rd & Grant at 2:00. The public is invited for this free concert.

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