



Worship for the Lord's Day

The First Presbyterian Church
of Howard County

November 30, 2014
First Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m.

Welcome

Please remember to turn cell phones and pagers to silent for worship.

Gathering

We gather together to worship and praise God.

We Praise God in Song

Am I Awake

Aronson

Hope of the Nations

Doerksen & Cole

Greeting

Sharing and Praying

We Ask God to Forgive Us

We Share the Peace of Christ

Hallelu

Levine

We Gather at the Advent Wreath

We Share Our Concerns and Remembrances

Offer Our Gifts to God

O Come O Come Emmanuel/Carol from an Irish Cabin

Listening and Responding

We Listen for God's Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9

Second Lesson: Mark 13:24-37

Sermon

When God Comes Close

Morton Harris

After the sermon, we take time for silent prayer.

We Affirm Our Faith

Sending

We Share News of Our Common Life

This Week at First Presbyterian

We Go in Peace

Forever

Tomlin & Cole

Invitation to Discipleship

Closing Response and Blessing

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, education, mission and common life of First Church.

During Today's Worship

Please turn all cell phones to "silent" when in the Sanctuary.

Large print bulletins (including hymns and scripture readings) and individual listening devices are available from the ushers. Photography during worship is discouraged, and flash is not permitted. Please, no food or drink in the Sanctuary.

If your infant or child needs care or becomes too restless during the worship service, you may leave the Sanctuary and return as you wish. Child care for infants and children under four years old is available all morning. The nursery is in Room 159. We have a texting system to alert you if you are needed while in the worship service. The ushers will be glad to help you.

Worship programs for children include: *Godly Play* for younger children (age 4 - grade 1) during the 8 & 11 a.m. services; *The Worship Bridge* for older children (grades 2-5) at the 11 a.m. service.

Worship folders and crayons for children are at the ushers' table in The Commons. Please return the crayons as you leave. *White bulletins* for children ages three to six; *Gray bulletins* for children ages seven to twelve.

If you are new to First Church

Please sign our Ritual of Friendship, the red pad in the pew.

Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month.

Handicap entrance is through the Main Entrance in the rear of the building.

We invite you to stop by Coffee Hour after worship for conversation and fellowship in Lyle Buck Hall.

New Member Orientation explores what it means to be part of First Church household. This one session class is the way to become a member.

First Church Cares

To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illness, hospitalization; to pass along a prayer request; to request a Stephen Minister; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact Walt Peters or Ruth Bell.

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Ministers: All members of the congregation



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