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WELCOME GUESTS!

We are glad you are worshiping with us today! On our welcome table in the Fellowship Area, you will find cards for prayer requests and a basket for financial offerings. As a part of our continuing Covid-19 procedures, we ask that you sign in at the welcome table (please include your address and phone number.) Following the CDC's guidance, we recommend that those entering our church may choose to mask at any time. Anyone presenting symptoms should stay home. If you are worshiping with us virtually, you may easily find our YouTube live stream by going to www.crossroadsgibsonia.org and clicking the link on the homepage.

CROSS ROADS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent



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Our Mission

As Christian believers, we gather for worship in the strength of the Holy Spirit. We teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ by ministering in His name to the needs of those in our community, seeking the transformation of people's lives, and equipping them to reach out to the larger world for the sake of the glory of God.

Give. Love. Serve.

Order of Worship
First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022 at 10:00 AM

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle [responsive]

We shall light the Advent candle, praying that our preparation for Christmas may help us to look outward in love, and to look forward in hope.

Risen Christ, Light of the world, shine in our lives and shine among us now.

Let us pray that waiting for Christmas may show us how to be patient when things take time, how to live for Christ day by day, and how to wait for promises not yet fulfilled.

Risen Christ, Light of the world, shine in our lives and shine among us now.

In Isaiah, chapter 2, the prophet declares that in days to come God will judge between the nations and mediate for many peoples.

(Light the first candle.)

We light this candle because we refuse to let go of Isaiah's hope that swords can be beaten into plowshares, and spears into pruning hooks, and that nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Risen Christ, Light of the world, shine in our lives and shine among us now.

***Hymn** My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less GTG-red, # 353

***Prayer of Confession**

Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Hymn O Come, O Come Emmanuel GTG-red, # 88, v. 1

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 2:1-5 p. 594, OT

Moment of Word and Wonder

Scripture Lesson Matthew 24:36-44 p. 26, NT

Sermon "Longing for Salvation" Rev. Niki Atkinson

Our Joyful Response - Our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory

***Congregational Response** Doxology GTG-red, # 606

***Prayer of Gratitude for God's Abundance**

Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed [GTG-red, p. 35]

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer [Respond to the Pastoral Prayer, when indicated, with: "In your mercy, Lord, save us."]

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn** A Hymn for Hanging of the Greens See Insert

***Charge and Benediction**

Congregational Postlude While We Are Waiting, Come GTG-red, #92

**** Please remain seated during the Postlude. Thank you.*

Abbreviation Key: Glory to God Hymnal = GTG-red
Celebration Hymnal = CH-blue
Cross Roads Songbook = CRSB-light blue

What's Happening at Cross Roads?

Blessings Box - Our Blessings Box is getting a lot of use! It's often pretty empty. Can you help? Items that can be put into the box include: non-perishable food items, paper goods, toiletries (travel size are best), diapers, wipes, dry formula, pet food (dry or wet). If you prefer to make a monetary donation, make your check payable to the church with "Blessings Box" in the memo line.

Lighthouse Food Pantry donations

11/27 - Hand Soap, 12/4 - Condiments; 12/11 - Canned Tuna; 12/18 - Boxed Mac & Cheese; 12/25 - Hamburger Helper; 1/1 - Hand Sanitizer

Prayer Family of the Week:

This week's family: **Renee Blucas**

Also pray for: Alex G., George & Suzanne A., Eleanor B., Diane L., Gerry M., Rev. Wendy Norris Keys, Colton and family, the James family, Elizabeth P., Steven M., our troops, frontline workers, healthcare workers, and all those impacted by COVID.

If you have a prayer concern or praise, please email us at prayer@crossroadsgibsonia.org or call Pastor Niki in the church office. Specify if you would like it kept private or shared in our prayer concerns. Thank you.

Upcoming Membership Committee sponsored events:

12/2 - Join us at the church for a **potluck dinner** followed by a scavenger hunt. The evening will conclude with dessert and Christmas carols at the Hoke's. See the bulletin board in the Fellowship Area for [all sign-ups](#).

Poinsettia order forms are now available. Forms and payments must be returned to Betsy no later than Sunday, 12/11/22.

On Saturday, December 10th, Cross Roads will host a **Christmas Music Festival** at 6:30 PM. Includes Cocoa, cookies and Christmas carols with special music groups performing. All are welcome!

Can you help with **transportation**? We are entering a period where some of our members will be undergoing treatments and therapies, but may be unable to drive. Our Session developed the idea of having a list of those available to give rides to some of our members in need of transportation. If you are willing to provide transportation, please email Pastor Niki with your phone number and availability (if you know of consistent days you are available or unavailable). Thank you so much!

Join us for church activities, in-person & virtually!

Sunday, November 27

10:00 AM Worship, in-person in the Sanctuary,
streaming online via YouTube

11:00 AM Hanging of the Greens

Wednesday, November 30

12 Noon Lunch & Learn Bible Study

Thursday, December 1

6:15 PM Bell Rehearsal

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 2

5:00 PM Potluck Dinner & Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, December 4

10:00 AM Worship, in-person in the Sanctuary,
streaming online via YouTube

11:00 AM Worship Committee

Monday, December 5

6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop Meeting

Tuesday, December 6

10:00 AM Quilting Group

7:00 PM Finance Meeting

Wednesday, December 7

12 Noon Lunch & Learn Bible Study

Thursday, December 8

6:15 PM Bell Rehearsal

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 10

6:30 PM Christmas Music Festival

Sunday, December 11

10:00 AM Worship, in-person in the Sanctuary,
streaming online via YouTube

11:00 AM Food, Fun & Friendship
Deacons