

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2021

*"Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in." Psalm 24:7*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming Johannes Brahms

INTROIT Prepare the Way, O Zion *Tune: BEREDEN VAG FOR*
Chancel Choir HERRAN

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF ADORATION

***HYMN** No. 88 *Tune: VENI EMMANUEL*
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
stanzas 1-4

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and everlasting God, who orders all things in heaven and in earth, and made all ages a preparation for the coming of your Son: we confess that we are not worthy of your love, that we have neither loved you as we ought nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us for all wherein we have displeased you, and prepare us by your Holy Spirit for the coming of him whom you sent, that we may behold his glory and receive the fullness of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 110

Love has come: a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers at this time.)

INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN

SOLO Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus Nancy Walters
Gina Shields, soloist

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Above all in this Advent season, O God, may the light of the knowledge of your glory, which we have seen in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord, stir us all to gratitude and devotion. He is the way and the truth and the life. O God, make that not only our belief but our conviction and experience. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 33:14-16 Page 738

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 21:25-36 Page 85

SERMON "Yearning for The Old While Looking for The New" Dr. Williams
"Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Luke 21:28

***HYMN** No. 357 *Tune: LLANGLOFFAN*
The Days Are Surely Coming

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Robert Samuel DeRosa
son of Caroline and Brian DeRosa

Presentation and Profession of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed

Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Baptism Response

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,
With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

Welcome

All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you, Sam, into Christ's church
to share with us in his ministry for we are all one in Christ.

PRAYERS

***HYMN** No. 88 *Tune: VENI EMMANUEL*
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
stanzas 5-7

***BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** No. 360

Christ is coming! Let creation from its groans and labor cease.
Let the glorious proclamation hope restore and faith increase:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, O blessed Prince of peace.

***POSTLUDE** Nun komm, Der Heiden Heiland Johann S. Bach
(Savior of the Nations, Come)

*Congregation please stand.

Advent Event for All Ages!

This evening, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. in Stewart Hall



Christmas crafts and wreath making; chili, pizza, and holiday cookies:
\$6/adult; \$2/child. The coordinator is Maggie McManus.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 28	9:30 a.m..... Sunday School
	10:30 a.m..... Coffee Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.....Worship Service
	4:00 p.m. Elder-Elect Orientation
	5:00 p.m.....Advent Event
Monday, November 29	6:00 p.m.....Handbell Quartet
Wednesday, December 1No Dinner and Program
	7:30 p.m.....Chancel Choir
Thursday, December 2	9:00 a.m.....A Gracious Christmas
	8:00 p.m.....AA Meeting
Friday, December 3	10:00 a.m.....Centering Prayer

WELCOME TO ALL If you are a newcomer, please sign the friendship register at the end of the pew and introduce yourself to the minister. Coffee and juice are served at 10:30 a.m. in Stewart Hall. Large print bulletins are available for worshipers. Please speak to one of the ushers. Children's worship bags, designed to help children participate in worship more meaningfully, are also available. Children five and younger may go to the Preschool for Extended Session following the children's sermon.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR marks the beginning of the Lord's Day service. The prelude is a time for quiet preparation and private prayer as the congregation prepares to worship God.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE is Natalie, Elliot, and Matthew Chase.

GUEST ORGANIST is Joel Morehouse. Susan Wilson is away for the Thanksgiving holiday.

GREETER: Charlotte Keenoy...**USHERS:** Jim Baker, head usher; Joshua Brooks, Eliza Brooks, Hank Gloss, and Charlotte Keenoy... **EXTENDED SESSION TEACHERS:** Whitney Peteranetz, Maggie McManus, Eric McManus, Jane Sparks, and William Sparks.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN has received strong support with 78 households pledging \$380,030 towards the 2022 proposed pledging goal of \$458,980. If you have not already made a financial pledge of support to the ministry and mission of First, please do so soon. Pledge cards are available in the narthex and church office.

ELDER-ELECT ORIENTATION will continue the three-part series today at 4:00 p.m., in the church library. They are using resources from Theocademy, an education project of the Synod of Mid-America. Please note the time change.

SANTA CLAUS EXPRESS Presbyterian Women of Savannah Presbytery are gathering items as Christmas gifts for residents of Swainsboro Presbyterian Apartments. A list of items can be found at www.savannahpresbytery.org or in the church office. Bring unwrapped presents to the receptionist's office or the basket in the Narthex by today, November 28th. For information, contact Allison Johnson at ajsellssavannah@gmail.com

ONLINE GIVING Please consider making a one-time or recurring gift to First using our secure online portal which can be found at www.savannahfpc.org by clicking on the Give Now tab at the top right corner of the home page or by scanning our QR code using your smartphone's QR reader. Offering plates are also in the Narthex for your convenience.



AT LEAST TWENTY Afghan families will soon arrive in Savannah sponsored by Inspiritus (formerly Lutheran Refugee Services). Pending Session approval, the church will provide financial support to help a family with housing, meals, transportation, and job training. A team of up to eight volunteers will visit them weekly, helping with English and homework. First has welcomed several refugee families over the years. Safe, affordable housing—rent will be paid by refugee services—is the most critical need. If you know about housing or want to volunteer, contact Linda Wittish, chair of the Social Concerns Committee.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE TABLEAU Children 5 years old through 5th grade are invited to participate in the Christmas Eve Tableau. Rehearsals will be December 5 and December 19 after the worship service. Parents are also being asked to help. Contact allisons@savannahfpc.org to participate.

POINSETTIA, WREATH AND GARLAND ORDER FORM

Seasonal decorations for Advent and Christmastide will have two categories for contributions: poinsettia (\$12) and wreath and garland (\$60). The poinsettias will form an arrangement in the chancel, and the wreaths and garlands will decorate the sanctuary and Stewart Hall.

Each poinsettia or wreath and garland can be given as an honorarium or memorial. Please use this form to provide the names and information. Deadline for payment is Monday, November 29.

No. ___ Poinsettias @ \$12 each Total: \$ _____

Given in memory/honor _____ Name of donor _____

No. ___ Wreaths and Garlands @ \$60 each Total: \$ _____

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