

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
December 1, 2024
First Sunday in Advent

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE UNITY CANDLE

PRELUDE Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying *David Cherwien*

CHORAL INTROIT Soon and Very Soon *Andrae Crouch*

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

First Sunday in Advent: Hope: A visit with Isaiah the prophet.

Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love,
remembering the promises of God with prayer.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel **#133**

Verses 1 - All 2 - Low voices 3 - High voices 4 & 5 - All

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of promises and possibilities, we admit that we color the world according to our own limited vision. We are often unjust in our judgments and faithless in our relationships. We are haunted by sins we have not confessed. Hear us as we entrust them to your forgiving care. Help us to let go of our transgressions, to renew our covenant with you, and to live constructively with one another. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, whose coming among us we await with great expectation. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of God is new every day. We are free to accept the difference it can make in us. God's steadfast love is waiting to embrace us as whole people, to instruct us and to lead us in the paths of truth. Put your trust in God, for that is our only security.

***GLORIA PATRI** **#805**

CHORAL ANTHEM Morning of Promise *Joseph M. Martin*
Kim Bro, flute and Ernie Bliss, percussion

CHILDREN'S CHAT Rev. James Deters

***HYMN** Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence **#167**

SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (p. 724), 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (p. 1076), Luke 21:25-36 (p. 960)

MESSAGE Rev. James Deters

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed **#14**

PERIOD OF GUIDED PRAYER Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY Interlude for Christmas *Dorothy Wells*

Please sign the friendship pad at the end of the pew and pass it on.

***DOXOLOGY** **#809**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

Thank you, God, for this family of faith, which enriches our lives and enables us to share. Thank you for making us aware that some faint with fear and others dwell in hopelessness. We are grateful that you show us ways to lift the burdens of our sisters and brothers. May our offerings further this ministry among us and beyond our community. Amen.

***HYMN** Savior of the Nations, Come *verses 1, 4, 5* **#138**

***COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Watch and pray, seeking the strength Christ offers.

Live as thankful stewards of all God's gifts.

Our souls are lifted up to trust in God;
our spirits rejoice to learn God's ways.

Those who are humble will discern new paths.

For God is teaching us, day by day.

Secure in God's love, we venture with confidence.

We are willing to try a new way of being.

God's steadfast love never fails;

God will keep covenant and lead us in all truth.

We will look for signs that God's realm is near;
we will rely on God's Word to guide us. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *refrain only* **#133**

POSTLUDE Carol Postlude *Gail Pollock*

**All those who are able, please stand.*

A WORD ON THE OFFERING

For your convenience, offering plates are placed at each entrance. You are welcome to place your offering in the plate as you enter or during a hymn. The ushers will bring your offering forward later in the service.

Large print bulletins, children's bulletins, and aids for the hearing impaired are available. All people are welcome in the sanctuary; however, a play room is available for kindergarten and younger children needing a place to invest their excitement. There is also a children's room for families who need a quiet space for babies and young children. Please ask an usher for assistance.

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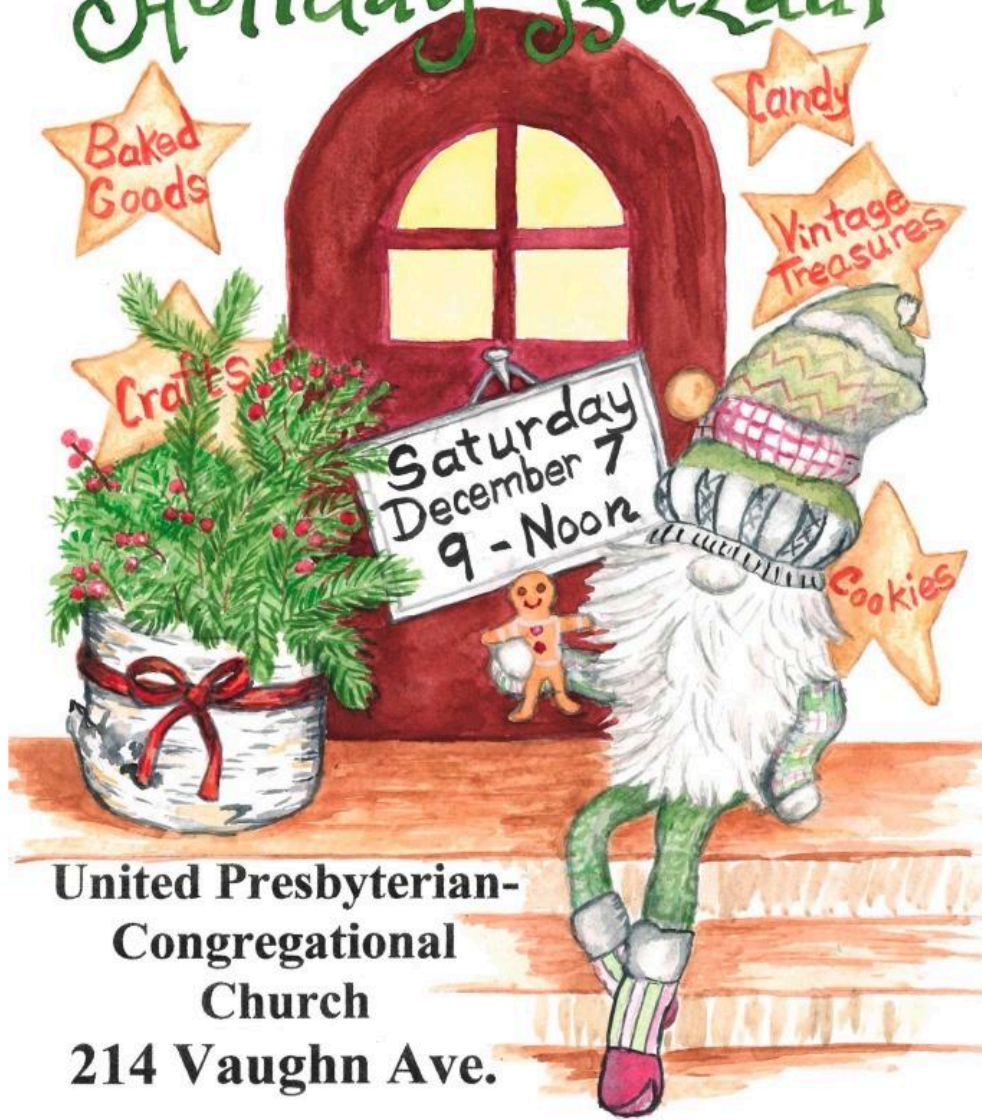
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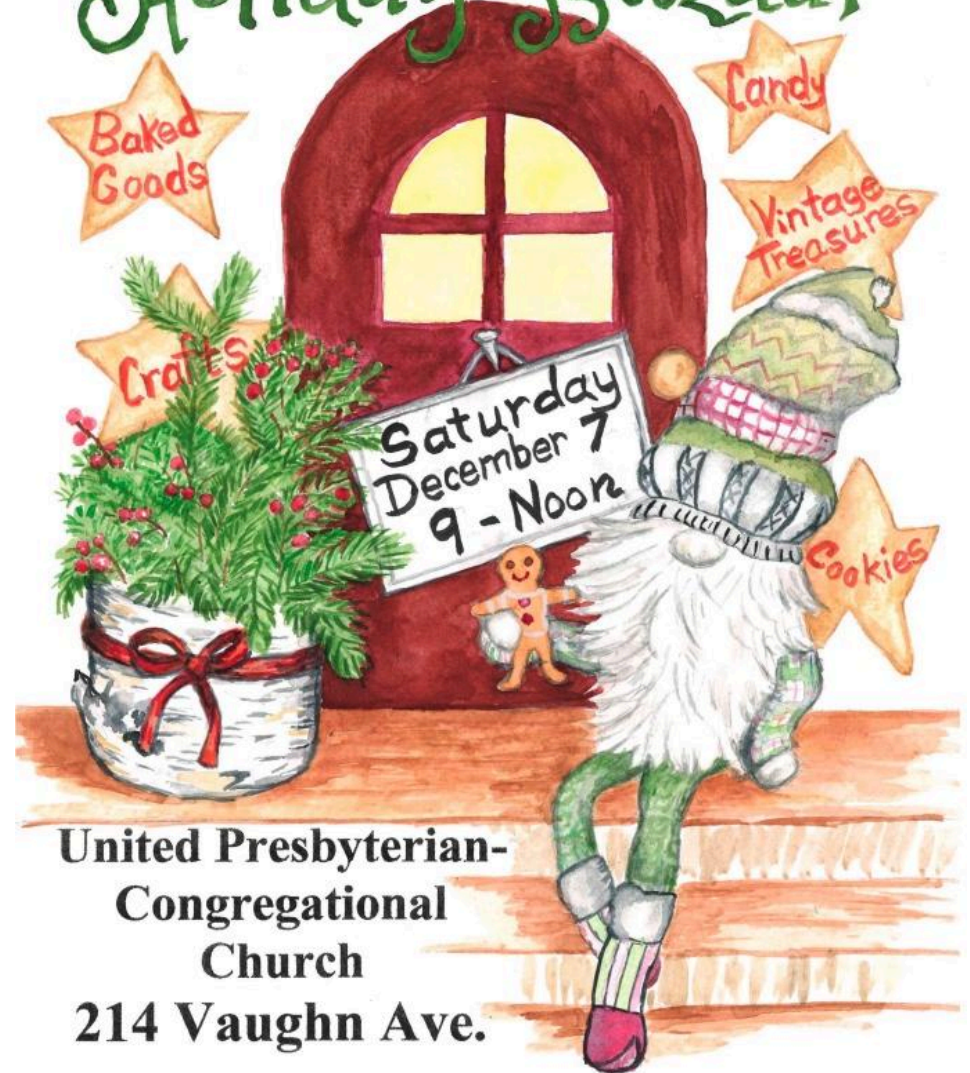
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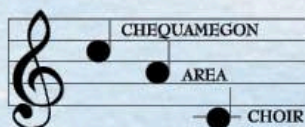
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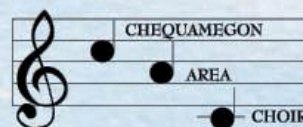
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Apostles' Creed #14

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, dead and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven and sitteth at
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 Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (p. 724)

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (p 1076)

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Luke 21:25-36 (p. 960)

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'