

Prayer List

We protect the confidential nature of our prayer requests.

The complete list of requested prayers is provided during worship rather than on this "online" bulletin.

You may contact the church office concerning any needs for prayer, or you may also email prayer requests to prayercircle@ottawapresby.org or amyremaklus@yahoo.com.

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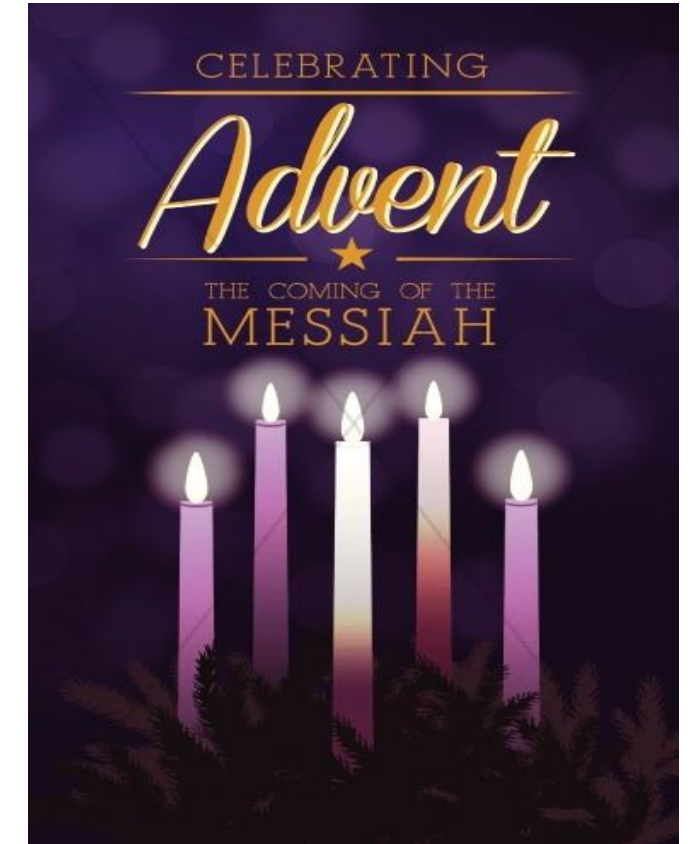
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Ottawa Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

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Welcome to OPC!

Poinsettias are provided by the congregation.

*The Congregation stands if able in body or spirit.

GATHERING

Welcome

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Announcements

Lighting the Advent Candles Children

All: Dear Lord, we light these candles on this fourth Sunday in Advent to remind ourselves that we can breathe in your teachings and breathe out your love, that we can share the story of your love and relationship with all humankind, that we can work with love in all that we do, and that we can LISTEN for your message of hope and love with the coming of the Christ Child. Amen.

*Hymn *People, Look East* #105

*Invitation to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty God, you give us our breath and embrace us with your loving kindness. We confess the times we have turned away from your lifegiving hope, when we have failed to seek your ways, and when we have walked our own ways without you. Forgive us, we pray, for the times we have failed to open our eyes to the needs of others, when our feet have wandered from your path of justice and peace and when our ears have been unwilling to listen deeply to your Word. We ask that the Spirit of Christ be born anew within us and that our hearts will be stirred to glorify you this Advent and forevermore.

*Silent Prayer: Amen

*Assurance of Pardon

*Glory to God #582
Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

1st Scripture Reading Micah 5:2-5
(Easy-to-Read Version)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem *Prepare Ye!*

2nd Scripture Reading Matthew 1:1-17
(Easy-to-Read Version)

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Christmas Story Children's Program

RESPONSE

*Hymn *My Soul Gives Glory to My God* #99

Prayers of Joy & Concern

All: To God be all the praise and glory!
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever.

Call to Offering

When we LISTEN to the Word that God brings us, we hear of the many great things God has done for us. We hear of hope. As a sign of trust in our God, we return some of our gifts to God for the work of God's church both near and far. As a reminder, this week we also collect the Christmas Joy Offering boxes. These special gifts will be used to aid current and retired church workers and their families as well as future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color! Let us gather our gifts... If you're a guest, do not feel obligated to give. Your gift of your presence today is a gift enough.

*The Doxology #606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Closing Hymn *Joy to the World* #134

*Benediction & Charge

*Sharing the Peace

Announcements

Advent Open Prayer will be tomorrow, Dec. 23, from 2-7pm at church. Rev. Amy will be there.

Bible Study will be held on Monday, Dec. 23, from 6:30-7:30pm, at the church.

Christmas Eve Service will begin at 8:30pm with music and worship at 9pm.

There is NO Sunday School on December 29th. Worship begins at 10am.

2025 Liturgist and Flower signup sheets are now posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up if you would like to volunteer for either one.

January 2025 newsletter articles will be due to the office the week of 12/30.

A new directory will be forthcoming in January/February. Please get new corrections to the office in January.

We are in search of a new Nursery worker. The Job description is posted on the bulletin board. If you know anyone who is interested, please contact Victoria Otto at 419-230-7292 or Rev. Amy at 419-890-9145.

The Christmas Poinsettias are provided by the following members in Memory of the following people.

Hirzel Family Loved Ones

Johnson Family Loved Ones

Kaufman Family Loved Ones

Myers Family Loved Ones

Riepenhoff Family Loved Ones

Gillian H. Husband & Parents

