

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Today begins the First Sunday in Advent and the Joyner Family will light the candle of Hope.

*Congregational Life & Mission Committee will meet this Wed, December 1 at 6:30pm. We will have lots to do that evening in preparation for the Elf Night on Saturday.

*Family event: Spaghetti dinner and a movie featuring Elf at 6:00pm, Dec 4th. Games, contests, trivia, singing and take and "elfie" with Buddy. Come on out for this interactive movie event. Wear elf attire or your ugly sweater! Best dressed gets a prize! An email invite was sent out...if you are planning to attend and did not RSVP on the evite please RSVP directly to Jane @ 210.889.7932. We will be capping the event at 50 so please let her know today. We are finalizing the numbers Wednesday.

*Congregational Life "Come Have Lunch" Join us December 15th for the Christmas lunch. Invite a friend to join you!

*LPC Youth Group (**F3 – Faith, Fun, Fellowship**) They will be meeting tonight at 6:00 pm. Our middle and high schoolers are invited to attend and bring a friend. For more information see Contina Salyer.

*Session Meeting Monday, November 29, 6:30pm.

*Advent – "Journey to Bethlehem" Will begin next Sunday at 10:00am and continue thru the 19th. This will be for all age groups – youth & adults.

*Card Ministry meets on Monday 6pm & Thursday 9:30am.

*American Red Cross Blood Drive will be here on January 3, 2:30 to 7:00pm. Reservation spots are now open at redcrossblood.org

*Thank you to everyone that helps with upkeep our Church Campus. We have many folks that come to things without recognition ...and we THANK YOU!!!

Prayer Concerns:

Our Pastor Ardy Skidmore, Our Nation, Our Police, Our Military, Virginia Hartsell, Bill Dehn, Gay Troutman, Peggy Garzoni, Glenda Love, Charlie Higgins, Michael Longhurst, David Hartsell, David Micheal Gira, Kay Howell, Cindy Fish and Family at passing of her Aunt Dot.

November

Head Usher- Leah Joyner

Offering Counters- Jane

****Offering****

Please place in plate in Narthex as you leave or mail to

November 28, 2021



"Locust Presbyterian glorifies God and grows in faith by serving and meeting needs of all, through love, hope and compassion."

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Welcome

Rev. Skidmore

Choral Introit: Born in the Night, Mary's Child **LPC Choir**

Call to Worship:

ONE: Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone; the day is near. (Romans 13:11)

ALL: A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."
(Isaiah 40:3)

ONE: The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the oppressed. (Isaiah 61:1)

ALL: Then Mary said: "Here I am, the servant of the Lord: let it be with me according to your word (Luke 1:38)

Advent Prayer

Lighting of the first Advent candle

Joyner family

ALL RESPOND: God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.

Anthem: Bethlehem Boy

LPC Choir

Children's Message

***Hymn: #9 - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

Call to Confession

Rev. Skidmore

Prayer of Confession: Loving and gracious God, we look to the world for hope rather than turning to you. Forgive us. You are the creator of hope and love, joy and peace. Help us in our weakness to realize and rejoice in all that you are and all that you provide for us. Help us focus on the gift of salvation you gave us in Christ this season. Speak to us above the noise of this world, that in a silent night, you showed us hope. Hear the silent cries of our hearts as we yearn to draw closer to you.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Skidmore

Psalm 25: 1-10

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36

Sermon – "Hope Rising"

Rev. Skidmore

***Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

Apostles Creed

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.

***Hymn: #8 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"**

Prayers of the People

Rev. Skidmore

***Doxology-** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Skidmore

***Sending Song: Verse 3 only #41 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"**



Session Committee Chairs

Clerk of Session – Chris Fish

Administration & Finance: Tammi Remsburg (Class '22)

Building & Grounds: Scott Hall (Class '23)

Christian Education: Contina Salyer (Class '23)

Congregational Life & Mission: Jane Blackman (Class '21)

Worship & Music: Leah Joyner (Class '21)

