



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

November 23, 2022

10:30 am  
Sunday Worship  
[Firstprescf.org](http://Firstprescf.org)



**Sunday, November 27, 2022**  
**Advent Series: What Can't Wait?**

**This Sunday**—The First Sunday of Advent—Hope Can't Wait  
**Scriptures:** Isaiah 2:1-5, Matthew 24:36-44

**Prayer of Preparation**

The world says, "All is lost."  
God says, "All is loved."

The shadow says, "The light is dying."  
The light says, "The fire is catching."

Fear says, "Cover your eyes and your ears."  
Hope says, "Wait, watch, and listen."

In this first week of Advent,  
we pray for holy hope of God.



**Cultivate Faith-Thankful Playlist**

Enjoy a story, make a craft, bake a snack, or choose a new mealtime blessing. Click the graphic below for live links to each activity.

**Cultivate Faith Thankful Playlist**

Take a break together! Enjoy a story, make a craft, bake a snack, or choose a new mealtime blessing. These are short little additions to your existing daily rhythm, meant to help you cultivate faith together as a family. Click the graphics to access the links.

*gather for a story*  
(Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, 1820)

*make a craft*

*bake a snack*

*choose a new blessing*

**Church Birthdays**

Nov. 25-Sally Lee, 26-Kay Leeper, 29-Connie Herbon, 30-Maribelle Betterton, Dec. 1-Lanny Zimmer, Doris Wilken

**For Your Prayers...**  
Sandy Jensen

**Notice...**  
The office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24 & 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Watch for information next week about poinsettias for Christmas.

The Advent Program featuring our Shine Kids is Sunday, December 18. Mark your calendars!!

**Sign up anytime online:**

**Greeter Sign Up:**  
[Sign Up : Greeters](#)

**Worship Leader Sign Up:**  
[Sign Up: Worship Leaders](#)

*Or sign up in the narthex!*

## Thanks for serving last week:

**Worship Leaders:** Nancy Hoppe

**Computer Operator:** Dave Luck

**Videographer:** Neal Leeper

**Hanging the Greens Coordinators:** Jim & Jane

Seeley, Gary Sabey, Julie Rokes

**Plant Care:** Jane Seeley

**Recycling:** Jim Seeley

## SHINE Kids Update

- No SHINE on Sunday, November 27. Happy Thanksgiving! Nursery care will still be available.
- Save the date for our Advent Program on Sunday, December 18. Come see our children's musical talents! There will be treats in the narthex following the program.
- Parents, please let us know if your child or youth would like to share a musical talent in our upcoming program. Please contact Pastor Julie.

## NCI Presbytery PDA Trip—

Feb. 5-11, 2023 Madisonville, KY

The Presbytery of North Central Iowa's 2023 PDA mission trip will be to Madisonville, Kentucky, to help with rebuilding after the area was hit by a tornado outbreak on December 10, 2021. Cost is \$175 per person. Participants are responsible for the cost of their travel and lodging to Madisonville and back.

[Learn more!](#)



## Upcoming schedule

### Wednesday, November 23

-- NO Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday & Friday, Nov. 24 & 25

-- Office closed

### Sunday, November 27

10:30 am Worship, sanctuary  
—NO Shine activities

### Tuesday, November 29

6:30 pm CYF Team, Zoom  
7:00 pm Communications Team, library

### Wednesday, November 30

6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

### Thursday, December 1

1:00 pm Esther Circle, dining room

## The Season of Giving

## Adopt A Family

Please consider participating in our Adopt-A-Family project.

**\*You do not need to create an account or enter in any payment information! You are only signing up to bring a gift.**

All you need to do is follow these directions....

In order to choose one or more gifts from our "Four Trees," click on the links below. You can select from any or all of the four choices. After you have shopped for your gift, please wrap it and put a tag on the gift that tells who it is for and what it is. We will change the tag to the name only before we deliver the gift. Your gifts should be taken **to the church library** in the basement. The **deadline to return gifts is Sunday, December 11**. Please do not leave gifts in the entryway for security reasons. A cart is available if needed.

Sign up is easy! Click on the link/s, choose the item/s you wish to shop for, then click 'submit and sign up' at the bottom of the screen. You'll be directed to the next page; enter in your name, email and phone number then click 'Sign Up Now' at the bottom. Your information is confidential; only the church office will see it. You will then receive a confirmation email.

Or, please consider sending a check to First Presbyterian Church and put Adopt-A-Family in the memo. We would be happy to do your shopping for you.



**17 yr old girl:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ba9a728abf4cf8-adopt4>



**10 yr old boy:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA9A728ABF4CF8-adopt1>



**Mother:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ba9a728abf4cf8-adopt3>



**Household:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA9A728ABF4CF8-adopt2>