

**WELCOME to the
First United Presbyterian Church - PC (USA)
2310 H Street
Fairbury, NE 68352
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Pulpit Supply – Dave Conde**

November 28, 2021

10:30 am

**Wait Upon the Lord with Faith
First Sunday of Advent**

Prelude

Jlee Yantz

As we listen to the prelude, please make this a silent time of preparing for worship.

Lighting of the Candles

Wesley Snook

As we symbolize the light of Christ coming into our worship, please stand.

Joys, Concerns, Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Kaleb, Caitlin, Zayden, and Hadlee Fairbanks

Litany for Lighting the Advent Wreath is on the insert.

Theme Verse

And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “All the Gentiles shall be blessed in you.” Galatians 3:8

***Opening Hymn**

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

No. 88

***Call to Worship (responsive)**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

P Wait upon the Lord.

C Be strong and courageous.

P Wait upon the Lord. That’s what Abraham did, even though he was nearly a hundred years old.

C And Sarah’s womb was barren.

P Still, Abraham waited in faith.

C Fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

P Wait upon the Lord.

C Be strong and courageous. Wait upon the Lord!

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

P God of all mercy and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

C We admit that we have become impatient with ourselves, each other, and sometimes with you. We have turned to our own way and have gone astray from your will. Lost in sin and needing to become strong and courageous, we ask you, O Lord, to forgive our sin, cleanse our hearts, and keep us patiently waiting for the promised coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

You are invited to meditate on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ’s love is greater.

P Believe and receive the good news! God sent his Son, the Babe of Bethlehem, to show his infinite love and forgiveness for all people. Your sins are forgiven in the holy name of Christ who came and indeed, will come again.

C Amen.

P Wait upon the Lord.

C Be strong and courageous. Wait upon the Lord!

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

P Lord, have mercy.

C Give us patience.

P Christ, have mercy.

C Give us patience and peace.

P Lord, have mercy.

C Give us patience and peace for the living of these days.

***Gloria Patri**

No. 581

Sacrament of Baptism

Hadlee Sue Fairbanks

Gail Cross

Daughter of Kaleb and Caitlin Fairbanks

Prayer of the Day

O Lord, rend the heavens and come down. Be our strength every morning and our salvation in the night of despair. Show forth your power and might, just as you did in the days of Abraham and Sarah; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit—God forever. Amen.

Anthem

“We Are Waiting”

Chancel Choir

Children’s Message

“Song of the Stars”

Christy Wendland

Scripture Passages

Kai Wendland

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 17:1-9

Epistle Reading

Romans 4:13-21

Gospel Acclamation

P Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

C **Those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength. Hallelujah!**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 1:16-25

Dave Conde

Morning Message

Dave Conde

Prayers of the People

P Heavenly Father, we wait for you.

C **More than watchmen wait for the morning**

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C **Lead us in your truth and teach us.**

P For you are the God of our salvation.

C **For you we wait all the day long.**

P O God, inspire us to wait for you faithfully.

C **Serve you joyfully.**

P And give to others generously.

C **Gracious Lord, grant healing for the sick.**

P Courage for the fainthearted.

C **Hope for the discouraged.**

P And great clarity for all in the valley of decision.

C **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Musical Response

Offertory

*Doxology

No. 606

*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

No. 82

*Benediction

P May God give us the faith of Abraham, the hope of Isaiah, the joy of Elizabeth, and the gratitude of Zechariah. God will make us strong and courageous.

C **As we wait upon the Lord! Amen.**

*Postlude

***If able, please stand**

Greeters: Ruth McCord and Dee Short

Ushers: Bob and Jan Atkins



First Sunday of Advent
All Are Welcome!

Welcome! We are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! Our thanks to Dave Conde for leading us in worship today.

Thought for the week: For nothing will be impossible with God. -Luke 1:37

- ~Wireless hearing devices are available from the ushers.
- ~Children’s bulletins, colors, & coloring pages are located on the children’s table in the narthex.
- ~A nursery for infants – kindergarten age children is available during the worship hour and located at the west end of the educational wing. Darcy Brown is the nursery provider. We ask that children who are 1st grade and up to please remain with their families in the sanctuary.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK AHEAD

WEDNESDAY: 5:30 pm – Worship Team Meeting
7:30 pm- Chancel Choir Practice

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00 am – Christmas program practice – dress rehearsal, Men’s Group, Women’s Groups

10:30 am – Worship – Second Sunday of Advent – Dave Conde is pulpit supply. The theme for the 2nd Sunday of Advent is “Wait Upon the Lord *with Hope*”

Following worship – Advent Bible Study with lunch

PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, AND COMFORT

Pastor Nominating Committee, Galen Napier, Harvey Jurgena, Don Mahlman, Tom Wendland, Phylis LeBlanc, Jerry Holtmeier, Jared Wood, Debbie Hellbusch, Amanda Snook, Mildred Kerwood, Paula Sauter, Karen Arend, Sylvia Cross, Janis Kenning, Lloyd & Geri Garber, Ginny Ough, Rod Coil, Karen Parks, Terri Wendlandt, Susan Witt, Connie Dux Hinline, Karen Mruz, Rhiannon Corbin, Jim Schroeder, Marge Grone, Lucas Weise, Elizabeth Jardine, Addilyn Moreno, Fritz Wrigley, Lawrence Junker, Dan Sydow, Kirby Ruhnke, Bella, Layla.

Financial & Attendance for November – 2021		
7	\$2,766.80	92
14	\$2,291.00	66
21	\$2,935.00	85

Per Capita is \$45.00 per communicant member. You may pay at any time. Just place it in with the morning offering.

Sunday School Information
~The youth Christmas Program is scheduled for Sunday, December 12 th during worship. Practice is scheduled for the next two Sundays during the Sunday School hour.
~The Youth Bell Choir will be playing at the High School in the Burkley Fine Arts Center on December 12th for the Cedarwood Assisted Living Family Christmas party. We ask for all youth to meet in the commons area around 2:30 p.m.

Faith

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Liturgy

**First Sunday of Advent
“Wait Upon the Lord with Faith”**

Kaleb and Caitlin Fairbanks and Family

Watch and Wait for Christ’s coming!
We will light the candles of Faith, Hope, Rejoicing, and Gratitude, remembering the promises of God with prayer.

Today we light this candle of faith. (The first candle is lit.)
With Christians around the world, we use this light to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of God’s son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. May we receive God’s light as we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah:

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.” Isaiah 9:2

Prayer (unison)
Lord as we look to the birth of Jesus, grant that the light of your love for us will help us to become lights in the lives of those around us. Prepare our hearts for the joy and gladness of your coming, as we Wait Upon the Lord with Faith. Amen.

Poinsettias
We have Poinsettias for sale to decorate the Sanctuary this Advent Season. You may purchase a Poinsettia(s) in Memory of or In Honor of loved ones. The cost for a poinsettia is \$10.00. The forms are located in the narthex. Please fill out a form and return it to the church office. On Christmas Eve you may take your poinsettia(s) home with you to share with your family.

