

CALENDAR

Today – 1st Sunday of Advent

	7:15	Prayer
	8:15	Worship
	9:45	Adult Sunday School
	10:00	Kids Sunday School
	10:30	Choir Practice
	11:00	Worship Fellowship
	4:00	PP Community Chorus Concert
Monday	7:00	Bible Study
	7:00	Community Chorus
Tuesday	12:00	AA
	3:30	Going Deep
Wednesday	12:00	Lunch with Friends
	12:00	NA
	7:00	Boy Scouts
Thursday	7:00	Choir Practice
	8:00	AA
Friday	12:00	AA
Saturday	8:00	Men's Breakfast
	7:00	AA
Next Sunday – 2 nd Sunday of Advent		
	7:15	Prayer
	8:15	Worship
	9:45	Adult Sunday School
	10:00	Kids Sunday School
	10:30	Choir Practice
	11:00	Worship Fellowship
	4:00	Wyldlife

Poinsettias: If you wish to give a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone, the forms are at the back of the church. This is a lovely way to both adorn the sanctuary and celebrate your loved ones.

Jonas Nascimiento's Mission in Sao Paulo, "Home of the Good Seed" provides shelter and counseling for children. Help fill the jar in the narthex or fill one of your own at home and bring in by end of November.

Heifer Pop Can Drive. Deposit cans in the container in Fellowship Hall. Money from the returns will go to the Sunday School's Heifer project.

First Presbyterian Church Paw Paw, Michigan

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2011

11:00 a.m.

MINISTERS: The People of First Presbyterian Church

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "To Wonder and Worship" **James Southbridge**

**WELCOME ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ PASSING THE PEACE ~ CHIMES ~
PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (Romans 13:11-14)**
(Please pass the red friendship pads along the pew)

SONGS OF PREPARATION: #2 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

SONG OF ANTICIPATION: #9 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Call to Confession *Wendy Mickle*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of all time and seasons, how quickly the year spins by, and we are caught unprepared for your Advent. We are still recovering from Thanksgiving or the latest crisis or the long list of things to do. The demands on our time seem unending, the tasks seem overwhelming, and our energy is draining.

Holy God, sing to us in the stillness of this moment; speak to us in the depths of our hearts. Let there be a space for you in the midst of all the hurry and rush – a holy, inner place that cherishes silence and song, that keeps a candle lit and a manger ready.

God of all time and seasons, create in us a place for your birth. Amen.

OFFERING FOR LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$3,474.75	Needed per week \$ 4,456.00
Capital Fund	\$65.00	
2¢ a Meal This Month was \$84.00		

Attendance for Sunday, November 20 was 112.

SILENT CONFESSION

Assurance of Pardon

SUNG RESPONSE: (*Renew p. 185*)

“Sanctuary”

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination:

Wendy Mickle

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Old Testament p. 631

Children’s Sermon

Tom Shoemaker

Jean Val Jean & the Bishop

A Dramatic Reading

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:1-6

New Testament p. 2

Sermon: “Pointing Others to God’s Kingdom”

Pastor Abbott

✠SONG OF RESPONSE:

“Sweetly Broken”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Prayers of the people - (After each petition please say: “**Lord Hear Our Prayer.**”)

Silent Prayer & Reflection: “Litany” David Paxton

(During this time please reflect on the word God is speaking to you.) (*The “Plates of Joy” are in the back. Members and friends, please contribute at the back of the sanctuary, as you feel led. Guests, your presence is gift enough. Please let us know that you were here by signing the red friendship pad at the end of your pew. During the offertory let us reflect on how we are called to be a gift of hope in the world.*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE ARE SENT

✠SENDING SONG: (*Renew p. 276*)

“Soon and Very Soon”

✠CHARGE & BENEDICTION

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: (*Renew p. 276 Verse 1*) “Soon and Very Soon”

POSTLUDE:

“The Advent of Our God”

Edward Broughton



Clues For Worship

- ✠Those who are able please stand.
- **Bold** print represents congregational participation.
- Children are welcome in worship, but a nursery is available for those who desire one. Please ask greeters for directions to the nursery.
- Whenever possible please limit coming and going from the Sanctuary to times when the congregation is standing.
- Please use this time to reflect on your relationship with Christ and how you have experienced the presence of God in your life through the week.

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