

*First Presbyterian Church
1106 Spring Street
Mountain Home, AR 72653
November 29, 2020*



Order of Worship

PRELUDE **“Comfort, Now My People”**

Arr. Petersen

WELCOME

Rev. Mike Clark

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Ralph Gillespie

HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn No. 2 “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” (Vs. 1-2)

1. Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free; From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee. Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

2. Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King. Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone; By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Mike Clark

O that God would tear open the heavens and come down!
Of that day or hour, no one knows, only God.
Be alert! Keep awake! The time is drawing near:
The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Mike Clark

FIRST READING *Isaiah 64: 1-9*

Ralph Gillespie, Lay Reader

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Rev. Mike Clark

God-with-us, even in Advent,
we confess that you can seem far away.
You are hidden when we need you near.
In our hurt, doubt, and fear,
we do not try to draw closer to you;
instead, we lash out—
against you, our neighbor, even those we love.
Forgive us, we pray, and come to save us! Let your face shine until our
tears are dried, our sins are faded, and our hope is restored.
After all, we belong to you, and in your hands, we can be made new.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. (*Silent confession*)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Mike Clark

The grace of God, given to us in Christ Jesus, strengthens us to the end
so that we may be blameless when Christ comes again.
Thanks be to God, who is faithful and has called us into the fellowship of the
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord!

THE GLORIA PATRI (UNISON)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in
the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19

Ralph Gillespie, Lay Reader

OFFERING

Ralph Gillespie, Lay Reader

DOXOLOGY (UNISON)

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON) Ralph Gillespie, Lay Reader
Faithful God,
we thank you that Christ is being revealed in every time and place until
he comes again in the fullness of glory.
Strengthen our testimony and spiritual gifts; increase generosity in us, we
pray, as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*
Ralph Gillespie, Lay Reader

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Mike Clark

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

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.

THE GOSPEL *Mark 13: 24-37* Rev. Mike Clark

MESSAGE Rev. Mike Clark

THIS WE BELIEVE (UNISON) Apostles Creed (Traditional)

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 al-
mighty; 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 for-
giveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Mike Clark

BENEDICTION Rev. Mike Clark

Prayer List for Congregations, Presbytery of Arkansas 2020

First Presbyterian, Paragould, AR (Organized- 1919, Members– 25)

Church Custodians

Weekly Church Finances:

Weekly contributions needed: \$2,327.28

Amount deposited the week of November 15, 2020: \$1,300

Deficit for the week of November 15, 2020 is: \$1027.28

The First Presbyterian Church Annual Budget is: \$123,348.00

Virtual Communion on Sunday, December 6th

We will be celebrating Holy Communion on Sunday, December 6 by way of virtual worship.

We have individual Communion Serving Sets that will be available for pick up on Monday, November 30 or Tuesday, December 1 from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm.

- I f you would like to participate in the virtual Communion Service please come by the church, drive up under the office canopy and a church volunteer will bring the Holy Communion Serving Set to your car. Instructions will be included as to how to open the Communion Serving Set. If you know of someone who cannot pick up the Communion Serving Sets and would like to participate in Holy Communion, it would be greatly appreciated if you would offer to deliver it to them.

Holiday Fun

Please send in your Christmas tree and other holiday photos to the office via email. Our email address is: **fpcmh@centurytel.net**. Let's share with each other the light that Christmas brings! Also, we are looking for "go to" holiday recipes that are your family favorites!

TECH TIP

How to email a photo from your iphone. (any type of smart phone)

1. Go to the "photos" app. (The place where your photos are stored on your phone.)
2. Select the photo you wish to email.
3. While viewing the photo, touch the icon in the lower left corner of the screen. (The white box with an arrow.)
4. Choose the Email photo button.
5. Enter the To: address. To send a picture to the church you would type **fpcmh@centurytel.net** in the address box.
6. Enter a subject ("Holiday pics".) A preview of the picture will appear in the email body.
7. Press Send in the upper right hand corner of the screen. It is an upward pointing arrow.

THAT'S IT! YOU'VE DONE IT!!