



First Presbyterian  
Church of DuPage

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**NOVEMBER 29, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

HYMN – *“Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus”* (#244)

LITANY FOR ADVENT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule, we confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way; and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 2:1-5

CHILDREN’S STORY

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 24:36-44

SERMON – “A Pending Invitation” – Pastor David Boumgarden

SPECIAL MUSIC – “O Come, O Come, Emanuel”

OFFERING

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who are 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.

CLOSING HYMN – *“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG – *“God be with You” (#232)*

POSTLUDE

## WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us. We are delighted you are here. If you would like more information regarding our church, please contact the church office at 630.759.8843 or [firstpresdupage@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresdupage@gmail.com). You can find us on Facebook and our website is [www.firstpresdupage.org](http://www.firstpresdupage.org).

## UPDATE ON OUR RETURN TO VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Due to the NEW GUIDELINES per the IDPH (Illinois Department of Public Health) restrictions of gatherings being no more than 10 people, which went into effect for Will County this week, [the Session of the church voted to SUSPEND IN PERSON WORSHIP for the near future](#) as the extra staff needed to bring you this kind of worship almost exceeds the cap of 10 in a gathering, not leaving enough room for anyone else to come to in-person worship.

Until the positivity rate has decreased and the restrictions lift to a number allowing at least 25 in a gathering, [we will go back to VIRTUAL WORSHIP VIA FACEBOOK at least until December 14th](#) which is our next Session meeting, to review if we will be able to have Christmas worship services for the remainder of December and including the holidays.

As much as we all want and need to be together for worship this is for everyone's safety. Please continue to wear your mask, wash your hands, and social distance to stay safe and healthy for the holidays.

Please join us at 10:00 a.m. on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchOfDuPage/>

## PRACTICING OUR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS DURING THE PANDEMIC

A note from your Session:

The Advent Season is a time to prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth in the world as it is today. This may not be how we wanted to spend the holiday season, but we are together in

spirit. We provide these Advent bags so that together we may remember, through prayer, reflections, and good deeds, the true meaning of Jesus' birth.

Please pick up your bag with your name on it from a tote outside the church entrance. They are separated alphabetically by last name.

Please take the bag with your name on it and you may also take any you would like to deliver. If you do not have one with your name on it, please take one of the extras (just leave your name on the clipboard provided so we know you received one).

Enjoy the season and all the fun things in the bag, and post your pictures on our Facebook page to show us your season's spirit!

### **VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

We will take a break this holiday weekend, but we will resume at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 6.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office.

### **CARD MINISTRY**

Faith Group reaches out into the community. We send cards to people who are shut-ins, to those who are sick or may have had surgery. We as a group are here to serve our church family and the community in any way we can. If you know someone troubled with an illness, a loss, or who could just use an uplifting word please email the church at [firstpresdupage@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresdupage@gmail.com) and provide the person's name, address, and concern so we can reach out to them in their time of need.