

WELCOME

- A Warm and Cordial Welcome is extended to all who worship with us today! We hope that in this service you will encounter the living Christ and experience the warmth of our caring community of faith. Please take a moment to sign our friendship pad when it is passed to you, so that members and guests may greet one another after the service.
- Guests, if you are in search of a church home, we invite you to consider becoming a part of our community of faith here at Corbin Presbyterian Church. Please indicate your interest on the friendship pad, speaking to the Pastor, or by contacting the church office at 606-528-1444 or churchoffice@corbinpres.org
- Children are always welcome in worship! Children’s worship bulletins, clip boards and crayons are available on the table just outside the sanctuary for use by children and the adults who worship with them. During worship, children are invited to join the Pastor on the chancel steps for Young Disciples Time. There is also a special *Prayground* just for them at the rear of the sanctuary where they may continue to interact with the Scriptures and theme of worship for the day.

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 22 nd – 4 th Sunday of Advent Sunday School – 9:30am – Library Worship – 11am	Sunday, December 29 th – 1 st Sunday of Christmas Sunday School – 9:30am – Library Worship – 11am
Monday, December 23 rd Bulletin Deadline	5 th Sunday Offering Monday, December 30 th
Tuesday, December 24 th – Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service 6pm	Tuesday, December 31 st - New Year’s Eve
Wednesday, December 25 th – Christmas Day Church Office Closed	Wednesday, January 1 st – Happy New Year Church Office Closed
Thursday, December 26 th Church Office Closed TOPS Meeting 5-7pm	Thursday, January 2 nd TOPS Meeting 5-7pm
Friday, December 27 th AI Anon12-1pm	Friday, January 3 rd AI Anon 12-1pm



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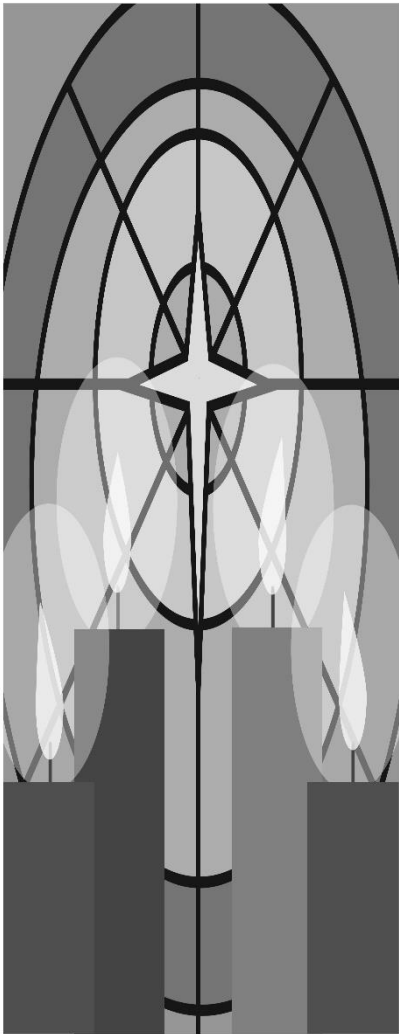
The Rev. Lisa R. Eye, Pastor
Clay Howard, Director of Music/Organist
Shelby Stanaford, Administrative Assistant

Session

Jennifer Marsh, Clerk	Karen Nies
Mary Begley	Shari Sevier
Tom Fish	Chuck Williams

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am – 1pm

Rev. Eye is ordinarily in the office M-Th 9:00am-1:00pm and may be reached by calling the Church Office or by email: pastor@corbinpres.org. For emergencies: 859-329-9026



“God, make the door of this place of worship wide enough to receive all who need human love, friendship and the Father’s care; narrow enough to shut out all pride, envy and hatred; and smooth enough for the feet of little children.”

**Please stand as you are able.*

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The Service for the Lord’s Day

December 22, 2019

4th Sunday of Advent

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude *The Holly and the Ivy/O Christmas Tree* arr. Dick Torrans

Choral Introit #12 *People, Look East* v. 5 FRENCH FOLK MELODY
*Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.*

Opening Prayer
God with us, Emmanuel, as we draw near to the manger, focus our attention to your presence among us. As we consider the love, care, courage and trust of Mary and Joseph, strengthen our faith. As we prepare our hearts and homes for Christmas, be our peace. **Amen.**

Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

*Call to Worship
Advent is a time of watching and waiting for Christ’s coming.
What can’t wait?
Hope for a better day.
What can’t wait?
Peace and repentance, among and within us.
What can’t wait?
Joy and delight! Our cup runs over.
What can’t wait?
Love for God the Creator, love for neighbors, and love for ourselves.
God is waiting, and God is ready.
Let us worship God!

*Hymn #44 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS

We watch and wait for Christ's coming!
**We light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love,
 remembering the promises of God with prayer.**
 We light this candle in hope.
 We light this candle for peace.
 We light this candle with joy.
 We light this candle for love to remind us that darkness does not have the last word. Out of love for the people of God, the Lord speaks through the prophet Isaiah 7:10-14:
The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord you God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

Lord of love, your goodness is beyond measure. May the light of the candle of love remind us to spread love wherever we go. May we be courageous enough to love our neighbors as ourselves, just as you love us in Jesus Christ—God with us—Immanuel. God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come. Amen.

Call to Confession

Loving God, Isaiah proclaimed one who would resist evil and choose good. We seek your grace and forgiveness for those times when we have not chosen well. We seek your compassion and mercy for those times when our choices were based on fear and mistrust, rather than love and courage. We confess our weakness and rejoice in the gift of grace we have through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Emmanuel, God with us—what a glorious gift!
The words of the prophet are fulfilled in the birth of a child.
What is conceived of the Holy Spirit and carried in Mary's womb Is the promise of eternal life.
Hear and believe the promise: Jesus has come to save us!
Thanks be to God!

***The Peace**
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Matthew 1:18-25

Young Disciples

Sermon *“Love Can’t Wait”* The Rev. Lisa R. Eye

*Hymn (insert) *What Can't Wait? Vv. 1-4* HYFRODOL

***Affirmation of Faith** Apostles' Creed (Traditional, Presbyterian Hymnal, p. 14)

Offering

Offertory	<i>On That Most Blessed Night</i> Neapolitan Carol	arr. Olive Nelson Russell
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***Doxology #592** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Holy God, you bless us with many gifts, you save us from despair and fear, you visit us with surprising proclamations, and you intend good things for us. We thank you for your steadfast love, for sending signs of assurance, and for the gift of faith. Use our gifts to bring comfort and justice and love to those in need, reforming the ways of our world for the sake of new life. Amen.

***Hymn #31** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

*Charge & Blessing

***Response to the Blessing #12** *People, Look East, v. 5 Refrain* FRENCH FOLK MELODY
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

***Postlude** *Angels We Have Heard on High* arr. Harold De Cou

Sandra Adams, Kathy Anderson, Danny Angel, Linda Bain, Steven Barton, Amanda Bays, Dwight Barnett, Tom & Charlene Blair, Ivy Boggess, Patti Brasure, Jack Bright, Billie & John Brisson, Larry Britton, Lisa Sevier Bruner, Eddie Bryant, Bobby McBurney, Kelsey Cader, Denzil Caudill, Aiden Craft, Bill Christman, Greg Duncum, Sydnee Elliott, William Ellis, Brittany Fritte, Chad Fugitt, David Gaddis, Donna Gilstrap, Lonnie Godsey, Margaree Gray, Delores Freeman-Harper "D", Pam & Rob Hall, Judy Hart, James Helton, Dell Henderlight, Rhonda Hoffman, Chad Howard, Clay Howard, Donna Hollis, Katherine Hoskins, June Hubbard, Elizabeth Hughes, Carolyn Hyden, Barry Irby, Sam Jackson, Wayne Jenkins, Barbara Johnson, Courtney & Payton Johnson, Rita Karr, Billie King, Jodie Lanala, Chris & Ashley Lay, Carolyn Lawson, Jaysha Lawson, Damion Lawson, Dora Lester, Don Light, Cade Lindsey, Rick Lindsey, Gayle Majors, Ruth Martin, Brenda May, Jean McDonald, Kathryn Lay-McLane, Joanna Middleton, Charles Wayne Miles, Johnny Miller, Keith Miracle, Lori Miracle, Rose Mitchell, Rob Mosser, Pam Ome, the Family of Tom Osbourne, Joshua Penton, Avery & Sharon Perry, David Reece, Family of John Riley, Earl Roden, Daniel Rose, Johnny Rose, Tony Rose, Wayne Rowlett, Denny Sams, Robert Sandridge, Jason Scott, Linda Scott, Peter John Scray, Michael Seay, Terry Seder, Lena Seely, Glenda Sexton, Terry Sexton, Joan Schlesing, Mae Shelley, Gary Shelton, Sawyer Sherrod, Alma Smith, Keats Smith, Nathan Wayne Smith, Shanna Smith, Consondra Southard, Flora Strange, Bonnie Sutton, Tommy Sutton, Arthur Strunk, Jack Taylor, Tony Taylor, George Andrew Terrell, Dorothy Tucker, Susan Versaw, Family of Shane Walker, Carmel Wallace, Roberta & Phil Webb, Connie Wells, Jeremy Wilson.

With confidence in your love and mercy, O God, we lift our prayers for those in need. Heal them in body, mind, or circumstance, working in them, by your grace, wonders beyond all they may dream or hope. Amen.

Prayer requests and updates may be placed in the offering plate or shared with the Church Office at 606.528.1444 or churchoffice@corbinpres.org