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 *Pray*ground 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 15th – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Sunday School – 9:30am – Library

Worship – 11am

Christmas Dinner 5:30-7pm

Monday, December 16th

Sr Box Truck Delivery 9:30am

Tuesday, December 17th

Cub Scouts #488 Christmas party 6-7:30pm

Session 6-7:30pm

Pack Sr Boxes 6-7pm

Wednesday, December 18th

Sr Box Pick Up Day 9am-1pm

Bulletin Deadline 10am Choir Rehearsal 7-8pm

Thursday, December 19th

Serving Meal at White Flag 4:30-6pm

TOPS Meeting 5-7pm

Friday, December 20th

Al Anon 12-1pm

Neighborhood Christmas Party & Caroling w/ St. John's Episcopal Church 6-7:30pm

Sunday, December 22nd – 4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday School – 9:30am – Library

Worship – 11am

Monday, December 23rd

Tuesday, December 24th – **Christmas Eve**

Bulletin Deadline 10am

Candlelight Communion Service 6pm

Wednesday, December 25th – **Christmas Day**

Church Office Closed

Thursday, December 26th

Church Office Closed

TOPS Meeting 5-7pm

Friday, December 27th

Al Anon12-1pm



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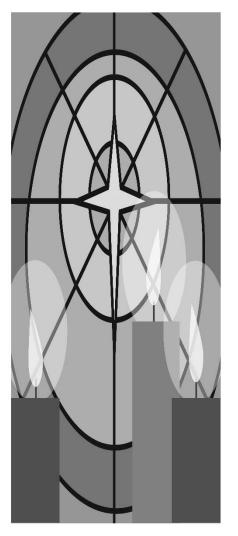
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Rev. Eye is ordinarily in the office M-Th 9:00am-1:00pm and may be reached by calling the Church Office or by email:

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"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.

Corbin Presbyterian Church

The Service for the Lord's Day

December 15, 2019 3rd Sunday of Advent

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude No Room arr. Harold DeCou

Choral Introit #600 Song of Mary v.1 MAGNIFICAT

Opening Prayer from Luke 1:46b-47

God of Advent Joy, our souls magnify you, and our spirits rejoice in you, our Savior. Look with favor upon us as we gather to worship you. Stir our hearts to fill with mirth and our lips to sing with praise for the joy that you are bringing to your people. **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 #23 Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

Lighting the Candles of the Advent Wreath – The Candles of Hope & Peace

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.

This week, we light this candle of joy to remind us that darkness does not have the last word.

Hear the words of the prophet Isaiah: (Isaiah 35:1)

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom.

And the song of Mary: (Luke 1:46b-49)

My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

For he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name

Prayer (unison)

May this light guide and inspire us as we work to spread God's joy and delight. God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come. Amen.

Sung Response

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel! Shall come to thee, O Israel.

VENI EMMANUEL

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of Joy, we are thirsty for your grace. You made a way for us in the wilderness, and still, in our foolishness, we go astray. We hide our eyes from your presence. We do not listen to your word. We are lifeless when we ought to dance with joy and speechless when we ought to sing praise. Forgive us, O Lord. Speak peace to our fearful hearts, strengthen our weak hands, and make firm our feeble knees as we seek to follow in your holy way. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness.

Sing a song of redemption!

Let sorrow and sighing be no more.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

* The Gloria #579

Glory Be to the Father

*The Peace

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

Signs of peace may be shared with those near you.

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Isaiah 35:1-10

Choral Offering Go Tell It On The Mountain arr. Patsy Ford Simms

Young Disciples

Scripture Luke 1:39-55

Sermon "Joy Can't Wait" The Rev. Lisa R. Eye

Responding to the Word

*Hymn #15 Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers LLANGLOFFAN

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

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offertory I Saw Three Ships arr. Sharon Elery Rogers

*Doxology #592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Eternal God, as we wait for the fulfillment of your reign, use these gifts and the gifts of our lives to bring justice to those who are oppressed, to set the captives free, to lift up those who are bowed down, and to fill the hungry with good things. Give us the wisdom to be faithful stewards of your gifts and the strength to be holy instruments of your love and grace that all may know joy. Amen.

Following the World into the World

*Hymn #28 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice IN DULCI JUBILO

*Charge & Blessing

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;

Let us our songs employ;

While fields and floods, rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

*Postlude Sing Hosannas
Polish Carol

arr. Anna Laura Page arol McCray

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