

We welcome you to our worship this morning at First Presbyterian Church!  
We are glad you are worshipping with us. If you have questions about our church or  
about membership, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact the church office  
at 817-573-2337 or visit us on our website [www.fpcgranbury.org](http://www.fpcgranbury.org).

## ***Our Worship, Work, and Life Together***

Our prayers are with the family of **Kathleen Moore** who died on Sunday of this past week. There will be a simple private service when she is inurned in our columbarium. "May she rest in peace and rise in glory."

Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases and the expected surge during the holidays, the Session has voted to suspend in-person worship until two weeks after New Years. In-person worship will resume January 17 unless there are continuing concerns with COVID data. Please watch for updated news on our website and in church communications.

There will be a **congregational meeting** Sunday, December 6, via email to act on the report of the Nominating Committee that Stephanie Mosley be elected to serve as Ruling Elder in the Class of 2022, serving as Elder for Administration. Watch your email for instructions.

**Poinsettias** may be purchased "in honor" or "in memory" of a friend or loved one through the church office or by using the form mailed in this week's *Bridge*. Each poinsettia is \$12.50.

### ***Scriptures for Sunday, December 6, 2020***

***Isa. 40.1-11; Ps. 85.1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3.8-15a; Mark 1.1-8***

### ***~Please remember these friends in prayer this week.~***

Ed Smith	Winette Lovelady	Dave Barnett	Kathleen Moore
Mary Skinner	Eloise Pauli	Dee Holt	Stan Bowlin
J.D. Finlay	Jimmy Callahan	Donna Callahan	C.H. Tubbs
Eva Zapata	Peggy Losher	Diann McHaney	Ruth Gump
The Family of Kathleen Moore			

All those who are lonely and isolated, who are struggling with feeding and caring for their families, who have lost jobs and financial support and who are anxious for the future. Those who are ill with COVID and the healers and health care workers who care for them.

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# **First Presbyterian Church**

Granbury, Texas

## **First Lord's Day of Advent**

**November 29, 2020**



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# Order for the Lord's Day

## *We Prepare to Worship God*

*Advent is a time of expectant watching, watching for the One who like a potter molds us and shapes us in accordance with God's will. The people are told to be ready, for they know not when the hour will come. They are to be about their tasks, performing functions appropriate to the gifts they have received. It is a time of anticipation and preparation, of being alert to God's presence among us. Watch!*

**Welcome**

**Our Life Together**

**Prelude**

“Mary, Did You Know?”

Lowry/Greene

## *We Gather Around the Word*

**\*Call to Worship**

Give ear, O shepherd of Israel.

Stir up your might and come to save us!

**Restore us, O God;**

**let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

Let your hand be upon us that we may be made strong for yourself.

**Then we will never turn back from you;**

**give us life, and we will call on your name.**

Let us gather to worship God!

based on Psalm 80

**\*Lighting the Advent Candle** — Hannah, John, Jackson & Riley Briese

**\*Hymn 84**

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*Creator God, we confess that we are not ready to meet you. We study the trends of our times and ignore the signs of your reign. We trust in things that pass away and forget your eternal promise. Forgive us, God of grace. Strengthen us, by your hand, so that we may be ready for that day when you come to reign in glory. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

**\*Silent Prayers of Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Gloria Patri 581**

**\*Sharing the Peace**

The Prince of Peace comes.

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you!

**And also with you.**

## *We Proclaim the Word*

**First Reading**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Isaiah 64.1-9

**A Moment with the Children**

Nancy Worcester

**Second Reading**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Mark 13.24-37

**The Sermon**

“Start with an Earthquake, Build to a Climax”

Drew Travis

**Anthem**

“Rise Up Shepherds”

Price/Besig

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

*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 Almighty; 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 forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## *We Give Thanks to God*

**Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer** (using “debts” and “debtors”)

*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.*

**Offertory**

“Still, Still, Still”

Traditional German Melody

**\*The Doxology 606**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

## *We Go in God's Name*

**\*Hymn 347**

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

PICARDY

**\*Blessing and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

“O Lord, How Shall We Meet You”

VALET WILLICH DER GEBEN

*“Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.”* Mark 13.33

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*