

First Sunday of Advent



*All who are able are invited to stand.
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PRELUDE

In the Bleak Midwinter

Archer

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

INTROIT

Blessed be the God of Israel

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THE CHIMES

Three chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, centering us in the embrace of the Spirit. As we gather, we present ourselves “as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship.”

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE:

* Liz Fasel

FIRST CANDLE:

HOPE Scripture and Reading

Congregational Prayer: Lord God, during the Advent season may we be reminded of the promises you made. Help us to prepare our hearts for Jesus to live in us. In the precious name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Congregation Sings: *We Light the Advent Candles*, vs. 1&2

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1. We light the Advent Candles against the winter night,
to welcome our Lord Jesus who is the world’s True Light,
to welcome our Lord Jesus who is the world’s True Light.
2. The first one will remind us that Christ will soon return.
We light it in the darkness and watch it gleam and burn,
We light it in the darkness and watch it gleam and burn.

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Don Maring

Leader: Teach us Your ways, make them known to us in this season.
reveal Your paths, and guide us in Your truth.

Congregation: We are expecting Your truth to guide us with Your grace.

Leader: For You are God, Our Savior, we wait patiently for you to reveal Yourself to us. Good and upright is the LORD; thus He shows sinners the way.

Congregation: We are expecting Your presence, guide us with Your grace.

Leader: He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble His way. All the paths of the LORD are kindness and constancy toward those who keep His covenant and His decrees.

Congregation: We are expecting Your love, guide us with Your grace.

Leader: The friendship of the LORD is with those who fear Him, and His covenant, for their instruction.

Congregation: We are expecting Your direction, guide us with Your grace.

***HYMN**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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***INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Don Maring

God of justice and peace, mercy and strength, from the heavens You rain down mercy and kindness, that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder before Your marvelous deeds. Grant us strength to Raise our heads in expectation, that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord and stand without blame before Your Son, Jesus Christ. Give us ears to hear, O God, and eyes to watch, that we may know Your presence in our midst during this holy season of joy as we anticipate the coming of Christ. While we wait for renewal to come we pray as you have taught your disciples to pray: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. AMEN

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (NKJV)

Don Maring

ANTHEM

Keep Your Lamps!

arr. André Thomas

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to offer a joy or a concern. Please complete your prayer requests with “Lord, hear my prayer.”

***HYMN**

Wait for the Lord

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PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Dr. D. J. Robinson

How to Tithe and Give in these Circumstances

*** OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *Doxology* #34

**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 DEDICATION

THE CHILDREN’S HYMN

Jesus Loves the Little Children

**Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world.
Red, brown, yellow, black and white,
They are precious in His sight.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Debbie Lochner

SCRIPTURE

Luke 21:25-28, 35-36 (NKJV)

Rev. Dr. D. J. Robinson

SERMON

Look Up & Live

Rev. Dr. D. J. Robinson

***HYMN**

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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***SPOKEN BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. D. J. Robinson

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Amen

Danish

POSTLUDE

Wachet auf! (Sleepers Wake!)

J. S. Bach

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS*

Marcia Jolley, Tim Tyler, Dick Andrews, Molly Frenia,
The Family of Rev. Kevin Butler, The Family of Irene Lipinski,
The Family of Bruce Gage, The Family of Marie Sandman,
Laura Holderbaum, John's Holderbaum's sister

*If you wish additional information on the prayer list, please contact one of the deacons: Judy McNeil, Marsha Kiriazides, Susie Sparnecht, Carol Morse.

We believe in the Power of Prayer. Prayer requests will be listed in the bulletin for one month, unless the need is resolved, or if a family member or the Deacons request an extended listing. To remove or extend a prayer request, please contact Sandra at the Church Office.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have any information you would like to share, concerning the mission and ministry of this church, please send them to the office to be included in the bulletin by Tuesday at 9 am.

REMINDER TO ALL TEAMS

Be sure to pass along all future dates and activities to the church office so they may be placed on the general church calendar and building use plan.

PASTOR STEVE

Pastor Steve will be in the Pastor's Study 9am to noon, Wednesday through Friday this week. You may reach him by phone or e-mail on those days or anytime.

The church will be open for visitors. **If you decide to visit, out of an abundance of caution, we ask that you wear a mask, whether vaccinated or not.** Likewise, Sandra and Pastor Steve will also don masks when we receive visitors.

Pastor Steve is available to talk to you any time of day, for any reason.
 His phone number is 585-368-8643, his email is pastorbrotz@gmail.com

Date	Prepare Proclaim Presentation	Run Zoom	Camera & Participants
Nov 28	Gregg Goodman	Gregg Goodman	Gregg Goodman
Dec 5	Jeff Phillips	Jeff Phillips	Sarah Phillips

THIS SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 28, 2021

Reading – Don Maring
Usher – Margaret Militello

NEXT SUNDAY – DECEMBER 5, 2021

Reading – Bill Werther
Usher – Marie Foltz

This Week at First Baptist Church of Penfield

Sun Nov/28	<u>Morning Worship</u> Rev. Dr. D. J. Robinson	9:30 am	Sanctuary and Online
Wed Dec/1	<u>Prayer Group</u> Afternoon Session	12:30 pm 1:30 pm	Online
	<u>Prayer Group</u> Evening Session	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Online
	<u>Chancel Choir Practice</u>	7:30 pm 8:45 pm	Sanctuary
Thurs Dec/2	<u>Bell Choir Practice</u>	6:30 pm	Choir Room
Sun Dec/5	<u>Morning Worship</u> Rev. Steven D. Brotzman	9:30 am	Sanctuary and Online
	<u>Coffee Time</u> Covid Protocols Apply	10:30 am	NFH
	<u>Adult Discussion</u>	11:00	NFH & Online

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Steven D. Brotzman ~ Pastor
Dr. Naomi Gregory ~ Organist, Music Director
Caroline Duers, Samantha Sosa,
David Griffith, Jason Rober ~ Choral Scholars
Saundra Augustus ~ Office Assistant
Laura Swail ~ Nursery Care
Meho & Hava Kapidzic ~ Church Custodians



We Welcome Back Our Guest Pastor

Rev. Dr. D. J. Robinson

***About Liz Fasel, who lights today's Advent Candle:**

I grew up in East Rochester and lived there until about 10 years ago when my husband Vern and I moved to Honeoye Falls. Growing up, my family attended and was very active in the United Methodist Church in East Rochester. Up until last January, I had attended the First Baptist Church of East Rochester for about 15 years.

I work at the Red Cross in West Henrietta. I am the Quality Control Lab Manager there. We test blood products to ensure they meet quality standards to be shipped to hospitals and given to patients.

I have 2 wonderful daughters, 4 delightful grandkids, and 3 naughty little dachshunds (better known as wiener dogs). The dogs get away with everything because they are so cute and so funny!

I am really enjoying my 'new' church family. You all have been extremely friendly and welcoming. It's very refreshing to be part of a church community where so much is going on, and so many different folks volunteer their time and talents in numerous different ways. This congregation and church leadership has created a well-oiled machine. 😊

I am a new member of the Coordinating Council. I look forward to getting to know you all better and support you in any way I can.

Wednesday Zoom Prayer Groups

Please join Pastor Steve at 1pm or 6 pm Wednesdays for a Zoom Prayer Group Meeting. Pastor Steve will read a brief meditation followed by a brief discussion, a listing of our prayer concerns, and a time for anyone who wants to lift our concerns to God. Although we've scheduled a one-hour Zoom meeting, these are expected to end sooner. Please join us!

1pm Prayer Group:

Zoom Computer Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/950690121>

Phone users dial: 1-646-876-9923

When Prompted, enter **Meeting ID: 950 690 121**

6pm Prayer Group:

Zoom Computer Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/740345839>

Phone users dial: 1-646-876-9923

When Prompted, enter **Meeting ID 740 345 839**

We are updating our CHURCH DIRECTORY..

For Pictures - Pat Casey will be set up in Old Fellowship Hall on each Sunday for the month of November. He will be available immediately following Sunday Worship services to take pictures for those who need one. Whether it's your first time, or if you would prefer to have your older picture updated, he will be there for you.

There will also be forms available to complete to ensure that we have everyone's information and that it will be correct when the updated Church Directory becomes available.

The deadline for pictures and information is Sunday November 28th.

Thank you!

Kathy Ahl, Moderator

Zoom information.

Marie Sandman's Funeral Service Will Be Streamed on Zoom

Marie Sandman's funeral service will be streamed on Zoom, just like Sunday worship. **Service begins Saturday, November 27 at 10:30am.**

Use the Sunday morning "CLICK HERE TO ENTER SERVICE" link on the front page of our website, fbpenfield.org .

Or, to join in by phone, dial in by phone exactly as you do each week for Worship Service:

**To dial in by phone to join Marie Sandman's
Funeral Service at 10:30 am, Saturday 11-27-21,
(You may dial in at 10:15 am)**

Dial by your location

+1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

+1 253 215 8782 US

+1 301 715 8592 US

When prompted, punch in this meeting ID -----> 839 345 585

When prompted, punch in this password code -----> 984964

Find your local number <https://zoom.us/j/ajFlslvob>

The link will work for both Marie's funeral on Saturday and Sunday's worship.

Thanks to Jeff and Sarah Phillips for running the Zoom & the audio for this service.

In Christ, Pastor Steve

Policies and Procedures *Updated Thursday, August 5, 2021

1. Church Entry and Exit - People will enter and exit through the ramp door only. All other ways will remain closed.
2. Face Masks and Sanitizing Hand Gel - Both will continue to be available at the entrance (Usher's Station) for anyone who chooses to use them.
3. FULLY VACCINATED - At the present time, fully vaccinated people should enter the sanctuary, join in the service wearing a face mask, keep it on for the entire service and practice social distancing as needed to respect the wishes of others around them.
4. UNVACCINATED or NOT FULLY VACCINATED - Unvaccinated people or those who are not fully vaccinated, are expected to continue wearing a face mask, keep it on for the entire service, and continue to practice social distancing of 6 feet or greater while in the church. Attending the church service online is also encouraged.
5. About the Children - We understand that some children will not yet be vaccinated or not yet fully vaccinated, there will be a section of pews designated for children and their families only at the front of the sanctuary. Just beyond the children's section, there will be a section of pews that will be off-limits for any seating. The remainder of the pews will be available for general seating.
6. Children's Moment - Anyone providing the Children's Moment in person will be required to wear a face mask, whether fully vaccinated or not.
7. Singing - Any member of the congregation who chooses to participate in singing at any time throughout the church service must wear a face mask while singing, whether fully vaccinated or not.
8. There will continue to be no childcare provided at this time.
9. The offering plates will not be passed, however, there will continue to be a donation box in the back of the sanctuary.
10. On Communion Sundays, the Lord's Supper will continue to be given using sealed, disposable communion cups and wafers to ensure everyone's safety.
11. The regular Sunday Worship Services will continue to be

available electronically, over-the-phone, and on the on-line ZOOM platform.

Our policies will continue to follow the guidance provided by Monroe County Department of Health and the CDC:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

<https://mappingmonroe.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/217749730f174776a3896b3e8950e03b>

Fellowship Hall - Covid Precautions (Effective 9/12/2021)

Anyone attending the ‘modified’ Coffee & Fellowship, and/or Adult Discussion in Fellowship Hall following Sunday Worship must be wearing a mask.

The only time anyone’s mask should be lowered or removed, is when they are seated first to drink and/or eat. The tables and chairs will be setup for this purpose and with distancing in mind. When done drinking/and or eating, masks must be put back on.

Prior to Adult Discussion start time, if people choose to stand to mingle with others while enjoying a beverage or a snack, please do so outdoors. Thank you.

First Baptist Church of Penfield

A Congregation
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Established 1804

Sunday, November 28, 2021



Welcome and Sharing within the Community

We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. We hope and pray that God's loving spirit will be made real and meaningful for you here.

Worship today takes place both in the sanctuary
and using the Zoom platform.

Links to the online service appears on our website.

If you need to contact us please phone or e-mail us

Monday thru Friday, 9:00am to 12:00pm

Wednesday hours will vary

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