

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 1 <sup>st</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Sunday School – 9:30am – Library Worship & Communion – 11am Home Communion – 12pm	Sunday, December 8 <sup>th</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Sunday School – 9:30am - Library Worship – 11am
Monday, December 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Pipe Organ Concert, 7pm First Christian Church	Monday, December 9 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday, December 10 <sup>th</sup> Cub Scouts #488 6-7:30pm
Tuesday, December 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cub Scouts #488 6-7:30pm	Wednesday, December 11 <sup>th</sup> Bulletin Deadline 10am Deadline Buckhorn gifts to church
Wednesday, December 4 <sup>th</sup> Sr. Box Sign Ups 10am 12pm Choir Rehearsal 7-8pm	Thursday, December 12 <sup>th</sup> Gifts delivered to Buckhorn TOPS Meeting 5-7pm
Thursday, December 5 <sup>th</sup> Bulletin Deadline 10am TOPS Meeting 5-7pm	Friday, December 13 <sup>th</sup> Office Closed Al Anon 12-1pm
Friday, December 6 <sup>th</sup> Al Anon 12-1pm	
Saturday, December 7 <sup>th</sup> Transylvania Presbytery Meeting 10am-3pm Lexington Korean Presbyterian Church	



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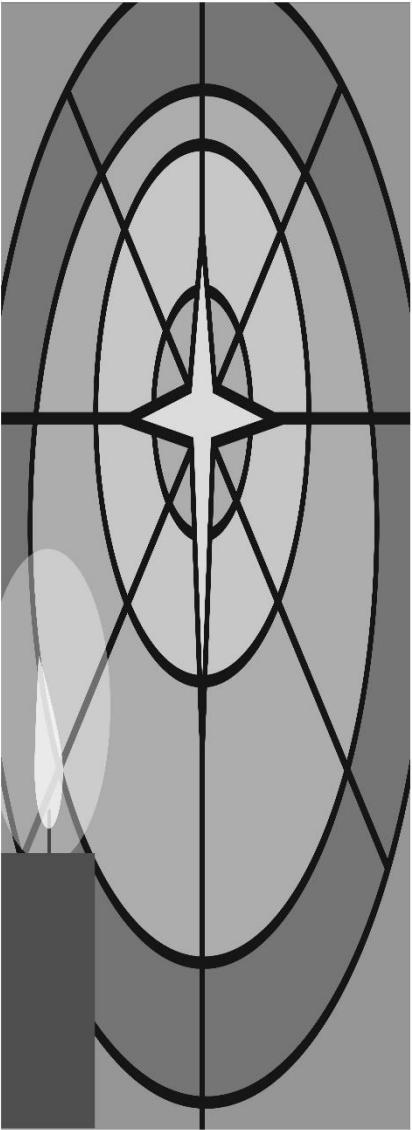
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Session

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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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude	Reflection on “Love Unknown”	arr. David Lasky
	LOVE UNKNOWN	

Choral Introit #92	While We Are Waiting, Come	WAITING
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Opening Prayer  
God of all Wonder and Delight, we begin our Advent wait, coming to worship you as an act of imagination, seeking a faith that sees what will be that is not yet. As we wait for your beloved child to grace us with his presence, settle and stir our hearts in order that they may yearn for that which has been promised to us. **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 #9	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	VENI EMMANUEL
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Lighting the Candles of the Advent Wreath –The Candle of Hope

We watch and wait for Christ’s coming!  
We light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love,  
remembering the promises of God with prayer.  
In hope, the prophets spoke of God’s promised day and the coming of a Messiah.  
In hope, Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem praying for hospitality.  
In hope, the wise men followed a star believing that God would guide them along the way.  
We cannot wait for hope, because we want to live with hope—today and every day.  
Today we light the candle of hope as a reminder and as a prayer that we might stop waiting and start living, stop watching and start moving. *The 1<sup>st</sup> candle is lit.*

Prayer (unison) God of hope, may the light of this candle burn inside us this week—making us alert to Christ’s coming and inspiring hope and action for your promised day. Amen.

Sung Response *What Can’t Wait?* HYFRYDOL  
*Hope can’t wait; she beckons brightly, shining surely in the dark.*  
*To the lonely, lost, and labored, hope endows the Spirit’s spark.*  
*In our times of deep despairing, God renews the troubled soul.*  
*Mercy strong beyond comparing mends and makes the broken whole.*  
*Text: Stephen M. Fearing, 2019, used by permission*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)  
God of Hope, you call us to be practitioners of prophetic imagination, people who are not afraid to dream of your promised future and to take concrete steps to bring it to fruition. But, too often, we settle for far less than you intend: for what is easy, for what is convenient, for what is better for a few instead of all. Forgive us, Lord, for our lack of moral imagination. Help us dream of your promised day, when all shall beat swords into plowshares, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, and all will learn the ways of peace. Fill our hearts with a hope that will not let go. In the name of the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\* The Gloria #579 *Glory Be to the Father*

\*The Peace  
Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
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 2:1-5

Choral Offering *Now Thank We all Our God* Johann Sebastian Bach  
1685-1750

Young Disciples

Scripture Psalm 122

Sermon “God’s Promised Day Can’t Wait” The Rev. Lisa R. Eye

Responding to the Word

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

Prayers of the People (Traditional, Presbyterian Hymnal, p. 16)

Offering

Offertory *Folk Tune* Stanley E. Saxton

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

\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)  
O God of righteousness, you have saved us from the worst the world can do and have promised to redeem the whole creation again. In faith and hope we offer our gifts that we may be part of what you are doing in the world even now, as we watch for Christ’s coming in glory. Amen.

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

\*Hymn #5 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, v. 1-2* PICARDY

Invitation to the Lord’s Table  
*The invitation to the Lord’s Table is extended to all who seek to follow Jesus Christ. This is not a Presbyterian table, but the Lord’s Table. Members, friends, and guests are welcome to share in this feast our Lord has prepared!*

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

The Lord be with you. And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of Advent Hope...As we wait for your child to be born, hear us as we sing to your majesty:

*Sanctus* #581 *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Christ of Advent Hope.... We gather this day, God of all majesty and power, to lift up your holy name and proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Spirit of Advent Hope.... Hear us now as we pray as Jesus taught his disciples to pray, saying, 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.

Breaking the Bread and Sharing the Cup

Communion of the People  
*During our celebration of Communion, please partake of the bread as you receive it and hold the cup until all are served so that we may drink together, signifying our unity in Christ.*

Prayer after Communion

\*Hymn #2 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

\*Charge & Blessing

\*Response to the Blessing *Dona nobis pacem* DONA NOBIS PACEM  
*Dona nobis pacem, pacem.*  
*Dona nobis pacem.*

\*Postlude *Sinfonia From “Abdelazer”* Henry Purcell  
1659-1695