

Welcome to Worship Today!

Sunday, November 28, 2021



Calvin Sinclair
Presbyterian Church

Worship Schedule

Sunday:

10:00 am: Echo Hill & Calvin-Sinclair
Combined Worship-Sanctuary

Wednesday:

7:00 pm: Worship on Wednesday
(held virtually via Zoom)

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Friday: 8:00 am – Noon

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today's service again or to share with a
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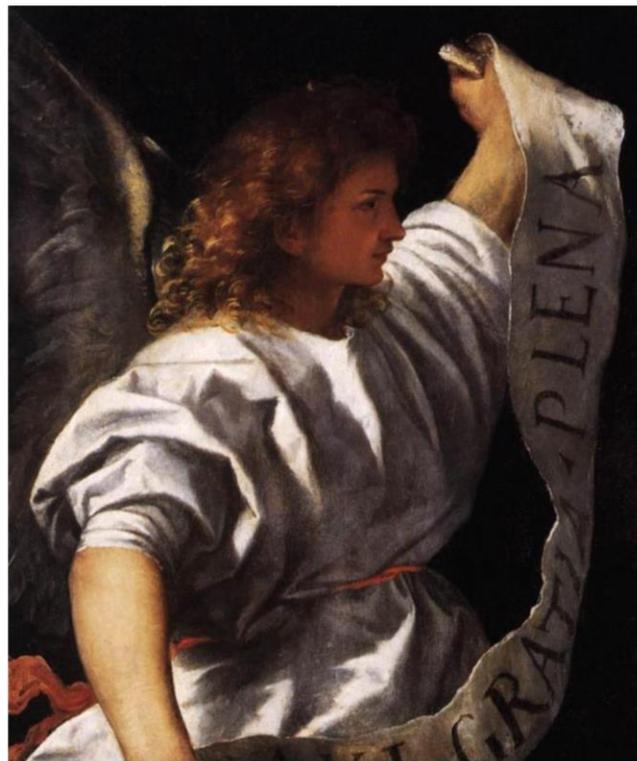
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• Advent Devotional •

Copies of "Fear Not: An Advent Devotional" are now available. Please feel free to take one from the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Worship is...

Joyful. Spirit-filled. Thoughtful. Welcoming.

Restrooms: Located next to the church office as you come in from the parking lot on the west end of the building.

Large Print Hymnals (words only): Available on the back table.

Hand Sanitizer & Wipes: Available for those who need them.

Questions? Please feel free to ask an usher for assistance!

Connection Card

In your bulletin is a green connection card. We ask that you complete the card and drop it in the offering plate. If you have a specific person, group, or event for which you'd like us to join with you in prayer, place this prayer request on the back of the connection card. This can be for a concern in your life or your health, or for a concern you have for someone else, or for a joyous event.

Welcome to Worship! Connection Card

Name:	_____
Address:	_____
City:	_____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Best Contact Phone:	_____
Email:	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if changes in contact information	
If 1st- or 2nd-time guest, how did you hear about the church?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Church website <input type="checkbox"/> Church member <input type="checkbox"/> Event <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	_____
Are you a:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1st-time guest <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd-time guest <input type="checkbox"/> Member/regular attendee

Order of Worship – November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

Echo Hill & Calvin-Sinclair Presbyterian Churches

Gather for Worship -----

Prelude

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

Welcome

*Hymn #37

“Let All Things Now Living”

*Pass the Peace

Prepare for Worship -----

Call to Worship (*Psalm 25:8-10*)

Leader: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

All: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Unison Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, you know all about us. Nothing is hidden from you. On this first Sunday of Advent, when begin the season of waiting for the celebration of the birth of our Savior. We give you thanks that we see the whole story. We understand that Jesus came to earth, lived a human life, and then gave himself as the payment for our sins. We give thanks that this forgiveness is possible. Help us to remember in all our preparations and celebrations, that we celebrate your love. Hear now as we pray in silence.

(moment of silence for personal confession)

Words of Assurance (*Ephesians 4:31-32*)

Leader: Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

*Response #581

“Glory Be to the Father”

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Proclaiming God's Word -----

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Luke 1:8-25 (page 36)

Message

"Oh No! Not Now!" – The Rev. Dr. Dennis E. Morey

The Response #88

"O Come, O Come Immanuel"

Responding to God's Word -----

Announcements

Call to Dedication

Leader: Today, we bring our tithes and offerings for the work God is doing among us.

All: **With grateful hearts we dedicate our offerings to God.**

Offering

"Still, Still, Still"

Offertory

*Congregational Response #606

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

All: **Praise God, from who 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

All: **Holy God, you know all about us. One of the areas that we pay attention to particularly is that of our finances. We know how to make a budget and how to stretch the dollars to meet our needs. We even have enough to save for the future. Help us to be as involved in supporting the work of your Kingdom. Today we bring tithes and offerings, with grateful hearts that you have such confidence in us that you have involved us in your work. Help us to imitate you in your generosity. Your example makes us want to be givers. Your blessing us makes us want to bless others. We give in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

All: **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.**

Leave to Serve God's People -----

*Closing Hymn #92

"While We Are Waiting"

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Postlude

"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"

Announcements for the Week of November 28

Hat and Mitten Collection: We will be collecting hats and mittens for Erskine Elementary. We did this last year and the staff was so appreciative of our delivery. Their school colors are red and black, but any color will do. Put your donations in the basket on the table in Fellowship Hall. If you are making your delivery during the week, give your items to Michael and he will get them to the basket. Thank you for your support of this mission. – *The Caring Team*

Beginning today (November 28), our Sunday Bible class will start a four-session series called “Because of Bethlehem” by Max Lucado. We will explore how the One who made everything chose to make himself nothing and come into our world. The class will begin at 9:00 am in the conference room and everyone is welcome to join us. Any questions, contact Don or Darlene Worden.

Help! I need someone to take over the prayer chain. You will need a computer and about half an hour on Monday and Thursday. Call me for details. – *Genee Coles* (319-360-5982)

We’re starting up a “Getting to Know You” series to help the two congregations become more familiar with each other. You’re invited to write a paragraph about yourself. Feel free to write about where you went to college, what you did for a career, your children, your grandchildren, hobbies, etc. You can email your paragraph to Michael at m.becker@echohillchurch.org or drop it off at the church office.

Weekly Calendar

Members from both congregations are welcome to attend any event/meeting.

Sunday:

9:00 AM: Bible Study-Room #1

10:00 AM: Worship-Sanctuary

12:30 PM: Church of Pentecost

Monday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

9:00 AM: Bible Study at Genee Coles’ Home

9:00 AM-12:00 PM: Sewing Group-Fellowship Hall

Tuesday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

9:30 AM: Coffee & Conversation-Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM: Cedar Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines

Wednesday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

7:00 PM: Worship on Wednesday (Via Zoom)

Thursday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

6:00 PM: Worker Bees

Friday: Office Hours: 8:00 am-12:00 pm

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Gleanings from Jim White

“Books are the compasses and telescopes and sextants and charts which other men have prepared to help us navigate the dangerous seas of human life.” – *Jesse Lee Bennett*

Christmas Joy Offering



The Christmas Joy Offering helps our past, present and future leaders of our church as well as school and college student communities of color. The Rev. Ken Tracy spent more than 30 years in ministry in the Presbyterian Church (SUA) helping congregations work through conflict and revitalize their membership. He served churches in Pennsylvania, Colorado, California, Alaska and Idaho. Now his wife has allergic pneumonia from black mold. She is in skilled nursing, and money from the Christmas Joy offering now provides a monthly housing supplement. Our churches will collect our offering on December 19. – *The Caring Team*

Food Bank Donations for Linn Co. Food Bank



Please consider making a monetary donation to support our food banks, instead of bringing items to the church. The food banks can purchase food at a lower cost and more efficiently than we can purchase. The food bank we’re supporting in November is Linn Community Food Bank. If you’d like to contribute, simply leave your donation in the office, or mail it to church, with a notation on the memo line for “food bank.” Make your checks out to “Echo Hill Church” and we’ll send one check at the end of the month to the food bank. Thank you for your support of these organizations.

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