

Welcome to Worship Today!

Sunday, November 27, 2022



So you also must be ready,
because the Son of Man
will come at an hour
when you do not expect him.
Matthew 24:44

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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• First Sunday of Advent 2022 •

Today, on the first Sunday of Advent, the Scripture reading is Matthew 24:36-44 and the sermon is titled "Are You Ready?"

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 27, 2022

Echo Hill & Calvin-Sinclair Presbyterian Churches

Gather to Worship God -----

Prelude

“Away in a Manger”

(Worship is our response to the goodness of God. We are blessed to be called together, by God, to offer our praise and bring our joys and concerns, leaving renewed in spirit and eager to go and live our faith.)

The Welcome & Announcements

Welcoming a New Member in Baptism

Ruby Louise Worley

The Congregational Response #486

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

*(*We invite you to please stand if you are able.)*

*The Call to Worship: Lighting the First Advent Candle – The Candle of Hope

*The Hymn of Praise #126

“Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child”

*The Unison Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, we worship you in your magnificence. Your holiness is more than we can comprehend, and greater still is your unfailing love. You always welcome us. Your Holy Spirit calls us away from our sin and into the glorious light of your mercy. Forgive us for straying from your presence. Continue to draw us close to yourself as we enjoy the gifts of life and the promise of eternal life with you. We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus, asking that you hear us as we continue to pray in silence...

*Words of Assurance *(Romans 13:11-12)*

Leader: Do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

*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.**

*Passing the Peace

Listening to God's Word -----

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture

Matthew 24:36-44

The Sermon

"Are You Ready?" – Rev. Dr. Dennis Morey

Responding to God's Word -----

The Hymn of Response #384

"Soon and Very Soon"

Sharing Joys & Concerns in Prayer

If you have a special request you'd like to share with the prayer chain, please use the green connection card and place it in the offering plate.

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.

The 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.

The Offertory

"Coventry Carol"

*Congregational Response #606

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

All: 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

All: The gifts of life we enjoy because of your love, O God, are more than we can count. We bring tithes and offerings from your blessings. In you alone we have hope for the future. You are our security. Thank you for calling us to be a part of a congregation that wants to offer that hope to the world around us. We dedicate our offerings to you in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Going Out to Serve -----

*The Closing Hymn #83

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

The Closing Prayer and Benediction

Postlude

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Announcements for the Week of November 27

Ushers: Bess Naujoks & JoAnn Ingels
Lay Leader: Bob Payne

This morning, Sunday, November 27, we celebrate the baptism of Ruby Worley, daughter of Chad & Lindsay Worley and granddaughter of Blaine & Judy Worley!

On the green connection card this week, we are asking about your worship plans for Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24 at 4:00 pm and Sunday, December 25 at 10:00 am. Please fill out the green connection card in worship and place it in the offering plate this Sunday, November 27.

Thanks to Jayne Peremsky and Don & Darlene Worden for providing fellowship this morning!

The December/January/February issue of *Our Daily Bread* (daily devotional) is now available. Free copies are located on the table just outside the church office.

Happy birthday to the following people who are celebrating their special day this week!

Emma Olson Nov 28
Danica Olson Nov 28
Joan Meek Nov 30

Weekly Calendar

Sunday: Ruby Worley Baptism

9:00 AM: Bible Studies

10:00 AM: Worship-Sanctuary

12:30 PM: Church of Pentecost

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

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

6:30 PM: Echo Hill Session Meeting-Room #1

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

9:30 AM: Coffee & Conversation-Fellowship Hall

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:

2:00 PM-4:00 PM: All-Church Christmas Gathering

All-Church Christmas Gathering – Dec. 3rd

Mark your calendars: Caring Team is planning a “bring your family, friends, children, and grandchildren to church” event on Saturday, December 3rd from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. We’ll decorate Christmas cookies, make a craft, watch a movie (“The Best Christmas Pageant Ever”), and sing Christmas songs. We’ll have popcorn and lots of fun!

Christmas Joy Offering

Rev. Ben Whitfield, honorably retired in 2007, suffered a stroke in January 2021. He endured a long hospital stay and rehabilitation before returning home. He and his wife received immediate help from an Emergency Assistant grant and long-term help from a monthly Housing Supplement for Retirees. Our Christmas Joy gifts restore hope and stability. Please give whatever you can; for when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot. This offering will be collected December 11.

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