



# First Presbyterian Church of East Aurora

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## December 1st, 2024 First Sunday of Advent

A warm welcome to all visitors!  
Please join us for refreshments following the service.



### Happening This Week

- Wednesday, December 4: Back Row Boys, 9am @ Iron Kettle
- Wednesday, December 4: Bible Study, 10am in the lounge
- Sunday, December 8: Christmas Pageant, 10am, pizza party followed by caroling to our friends at home with youth group, 11am

### In Your Prayers

- Barb Buno, Connie Byrne and family, John Lincoln & family, Don & Sharon Taylor, The Fisher Family, The Seifert Family, The Hartley Family, Kathleen Keenan Takagi.
- Pastor Jesse, as he navigates his transition to our church!
- Peace in the Middle East, in our country and our world.

### News & Notes

- Assistants are needed for Sunday School! Contact Amy DeMario at [ce@fpcea.org](mailto:ce@fpcea.org) to sign up. Thank you!
- Have you submitted your pledge card for 2025? Since Consecration Sunday on October 20th, we are more than halfway to our pledge goal of \$200,000! We are currently at \$175,930. If you have not received one either by mail or email, or have any questions, please contact Annie in the office at (716) 652-0160 or [office@fpcea.org](mailto:office@fpcea.org). The Stewardship team's deadline has passed, so please return your card ASAP. Thank you!!!
- Calling all bakers! We need baked goods for the reception following the Aktion Club service on December 11th (call Darcy Sowyrda at 716-602-9030 with questions). We also need baked goods for Wassail and Carols following service on December 22nd. Thank you so much!

### Save the Date

- Wednesday, December 11th, join us for our annual Aktion Club Service!
- Tuesday, December 24: Christmas Eve Service, 7pm





# Order of Worship

## Chimes, Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Magnificat” (The Song of Mary) – Jean Francois Dandrieu

Lighting of the Advent Candle: The Fischer Family  
Psalm 80:17-19

Unison Prayer: Dear God, thank you for this wonderful holiday season. As we hear the songs, put up decorations, send cards and do all the cooking and baking, help us to pause a moment to remember what this season is really all about: the birth of Jesus Christ. Amen

Call to Worship: Liturgist: “Christ is Risen”  
Congregation: “Christ is Risen, Indeed!”

Hymn: “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty” – Hymnal, n. 138

## Passing the Peace

Special Music: “Music for Advent” – The Handbell Choir

## Prayers & Praises & The Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-33, Luke 3: 1-6

Response: “Gloria Patri” – Hymnal, n. 577



Sermon: “Prepare the Way of the Lord” – Rev. Kathryn Bindig

Hymn: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” – Hymnal, n. 9

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn: “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” – Hymnal, n. 2

## Charge and Blessing

Postlude: “Hark, The Glad Sound, the Savior Comes!”  
–T. Haweis, arr. M. Burkhardt



Please stay after the service to help decorate the sanctuary for Advent! Many hands make light work, and we always have a wonderful time! Donuts and cider will be served. Thank you!



~Please leave your offering in the collection plate, located in the back of the sanctuary. See a deacon if you have any questions.

