

GOOD NEWS!

November 2021

THY KINGDOM COME!

Not long after we gather for Thanksgiving to count our many blessings, the season of Advent will begin. The word “advent” is translated from Latin and it means “coming.” Over the next four Sundays, we will be commemorating the coming of the kingdom of God. “But what about getting ready to celebrate the coming of baby Jesus in the manger?” you ask.

For centuries, God had been promising His people that one day, He would set up His kingdom on earth. Through the prophets and the Psalms, God reminded Israel again and again, “A time is coming when I will deliver My people, give them My peace, and manifest My supernatural powers like never before.” Israel understood that in God’s kingdom, His Spirit would be poured out on all flesh, regardless of race, gender, nationality, or religion. They believed that God would give all people everywhere the opportunity to know Him personally, from the greatest of them to the least of them. “And what sign would confirm that God’s kingdom had come?” one might ask. The answer is lovely.

When the King is born and is found wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger, that’s the sign that the kingdom of God has begun! Over the next four Sundays, we’ll look at Old Testament prophecies, confirm their fulfillment and imagine practical applications that might prove helpful as we follow Jesus together. Perhaps, most awesome of all, during Advent, not only are we, as kingdom-subjects, given a season to count our many blessings, but we may joyfully anticipate what else God has promised, “THERE’S MORE TO COME!”

Yours In Him, John

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PASTOR

Jackie Corbit

After two years of supply preachers, we now have our own Stated Supply Pastor, Rev. John White. If you haven't had the opportunity to attend a service with John preaching, you are missing a blessing! He grabs your interest right away and keeps it the entire service. You leave with some great lessons in living the Christian life that will come back to help you all during the next week. We are truly blessed to have him as our leader. He doesn't use a microphone, he doesn't use notes, and his enthusiasm is contagious. We can feel encouraged to be his partners as we continue our ministry in Harrodsburg.

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WITH UPRIGHT HEART HE TENDED
THEM, AND GUIDED THEM WITH
SKILLFUL HAND.

PSALM 78:72

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THE REASON

by Laura F. Devine, Nov. 2021

*Long ago in December
There's a story we remember
The story of a newborn King.
Born in a stable on Christmas Day
There was no room at the inn, they say.
Mary held him in her arms
To keep him safe and keep him warm
Shepherds tending their sheep
Heard the angels say from on high
Peace on earth, good will to men
Unto us is born this day a Savior,
Christ the Lord.
They went to Bethlehem to see
The baby born to save you and me
Wise men traveled following a star.
It led them to where the baby lay
Asleep in the manger, there on the hay
They brought gifts to him that day
As we hear the church bells ring
The songs the choirs sing
May we feel in our hearts
The peace and love this season brings
May we share with others what we can
Giving them a helping hand
Remembering the real reason for the season
"Jesus"*



RAIN OR SHINE!

Jackie Corbit

Night of the Great Pumpkin on Main Street was held on October 30, and UPC participated by preparing a simple craft for the children to complete as well as providing them with candy. Martha Brackett, Mary Baxter, Lisa Gilbert, and Jackie Corbit prepared over 400 plastic bags with candy and a church card so that parents knew the source of the candy (and UPC got a little advertising). Unfortunately, the night was dismal with rain that made completing the Styrofoam pumpkin decorating impossible. Ron Corbit spent a lot of time getting everything ready to have to just give the undecorated pumpkins to the children to take home and decorate. Still, the witches,

dragons, mermaids and many others came with their parents to celebrate this annual event for our community. Butch Woodard and Nancy Hill braved the elements to help Ron and Jackie give candy to the children. In spite of a rainy night, the children just kept coming; at times, the line ran all the way to the Baptist church! We ran out of candy bags at 6:30 and had to take down our table. Perhaps, the rainy, chilly and foreboding climate was fitting for the Halloween season, but we were not sad when the candy was all distributed, and we could go home! Let's hope for better weather next year!



UPC CELEBRATES 283 YEARS

Jackie Corbit

Sunday, October 24th we celebrated the founding of United Presbyterian in Harrodsburg. Many of the old records were displayed in the sanctuary, and the archives room was open for viewing. Each person attending received a bookmark; those who were members had their name and the date they joined the church printed on the back. It was a small reminder to take away from this unique celebration. John's sermon focused on the history of the city and the church. For someone so new to our fellowship, he did a wonderful job reminding us of our forefathers and their contributions to perpetuating this church and its ministry. The service was followed with a reception in honor of the occasion. It was a great day!



CORBIT CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Jackie Corbit

It is with great joy and thanksgiving that Ron and I invite you to our home to celebrate the Christmas season! There will be lots of good food, great fun, and wonderful fellowship!

When: December 12 from 1:00-4:00 PM

Where: 511 Linden Avenue



HARRODSBURG HERALD'S CHRISTMAS LOVE TREE

Once again, it is that time of giving, and though Kate Riker Circle isn't currently meeting, we are sponsoring two families from the Herald's Love Tree. At the time of the newsletter, we do not know the ages of the children or what they requested, but we can alert you to the opportunity to share in this ministry. You can buy toys or clothes once we publish the information, or you can give money in the special envelopes that will be provided. Either way, know that you are sharing with those who need a little help at this season of giving. Watch the Sunday bulletin for an announcement about the clothing and toys for the families. Also, the mitten, hat, scarf, and sock tree will be in back of the sanctuary beginning Dec. 5th so that you can place one or more of these items on the tree as decoration. Later, they will be collected and given to Mercer Transformation to assist their efforts in helping those in need during the winter months. Isn't it a blessing to be able to celebrate this season in some of our traditional ways? We missed them last year with the closure due to pandemic.

ADVENT WORSHIP IN THE HOME

Contributed by Pat Rockas



Advent can be a time when a family prepares for the coming of Christ through an ancient and beautiful tradition -- the Advent Wreath. The wreath provides for four candles; three pink and one purple. The wreath should be placed on the dining room table, and a Bible and Prayer Book should be at hand.

CANDLE ONE - Known as the "Prophecy Candle" because it begins the period of waiting for the birth of Christ.

SCRIPTURE READING - Sunday	Matthew 21:1-11
Monday	Genesis 3:1-15
Tuesday	Genesis 22:1-19
Wednesday	Isaiah 11:1-10
Thursday	Isaiah 25:6-10
Friday	Romans 15:4-13
Saturday	I Peter 1:7-13

Sing: O come, O come Immanuel. And ransom Captive Israel. That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appears. Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. (Light pink candle.)

CANDLE TWO - Known as the "Bethlehem Candle," a symbol of the preparations being made to receive the Christ Child.

SCRIPTURE READING - Sunday	Matthew 3:7-12
Monday	Isaiah 2:1-5
Tuesday	Isaiah 55:1-13
Wednesday	Luke 1:26-36
Thursday	Isaiah 40:1-11
Friday	Malachi 3:1-4
Saturday	Matthew 3:1-12

Sing: Come, thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee. Amen. (Light first candle and another pink).

CANDLE THREE - Known as the "Shepherds' Candle." It represents the act of sharing Christ.

SCRIPTURE READING - Sunday	Matthew 11:2-11
Monday	Isaiah 61:1-3
Tuesday	Micah 5:2-4
Wednesday	Isaiah 35:1-10
Thursday	Jeremiah 23:1-8
Friday	Psalms 22:22-31
Saturday	Isaiah 49:1-13

Sing: O come, thou Wisdom from on high, Who orderest all things mightily; To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. (Light first, second, and third pink candles).

CANDLE FOUR - Known as the "Angels' Candle," the candle of love and final coming.

SCRIPTURE READING - Sunday	Luke 21:25-33
Monday	Isaiah 24:21-25
Tuesday	Mark 13:24-31
Wednesday	II Peter 3:8-14
Thursday	Isaiah 51:3-5
Friday	John 12:35-50
Saturday	Romans 16:25-27

Sing: (Verse 2 of "Come thou, long expected Jesus") Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

CHRISTMAS EVE: Read collect page 96 Book of Common Prayer. Light all candles including a white one in the center of the wreath. Sing first verse of "O Come All Ye Faithful," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" and "Silent Night."



Help us decorate our sanctuary for Christmas by purchasing Poinsettias in memory or honor of your loved ones. Please indicate your preference by completing this form and returning it with payment to the church office or by placing it in the offering plate.

Poinsettias are \$15.00 each and are due no later than Sunday, November 28th, 2021. Donations to the Flower Fund are also accepted with gratitude.

☐ I wish to order _____ poinsettia(s):

☐ In Memory of: _____

☐ In Honor of: _____

☐ I wish to make a donation in the amount of: \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ ☐ Cash ☐ Check # _____

Donated By: _____



NOVEMBER

15th - Leona Berg
15th - Jackie Lindberg
19th - Carole Noe
25th - Becky Dedman Bowling
28th - Lauren Ferguson
29th - Alex Prigmore

10th - George & Carole Noe
14th - Adam & Becky Bowling
18th - Gordon & Beverly Woodard

DECEMBER

16th - Jane Gilbert
20th - Harold Davis
26th - Dick Howe
27th - Natalie Berry Marshall

26th - Doug & Leslie Ferguson
28th - Mike & Pat Rockas

JANUARY

4th - Mary Baxter
15th - Tom Howells
17th - Mike Rockas

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 25 - *Happy Thanksgiving!*

December 4 - Decorating for Christmas, 10:00am

December 12 - Corbit Christmas Open House, 1:00pm - 4:00pm
