



Protestant Fellowship Worship Service in Ann's Choice Chapel

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November 30, 2025, First Sunday of Advent

Note: This service is also broadcast on ACTV 976 and 980.

Prelude Bud Williams and Betty Kingston
(the list of selections may be found on page 10)

Announcements about Our Ministries John Hodges

Call to Worship Polly Riddle

First Meditation – The Promise Is Given to Abram

Scripture Reading: Genesis 12:1-2, 17:1-7 Polly Riddle

**** Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.**

12 Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

17 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ² And I will make my covenant between me and you and will make you exceedingly numerous.” ³ Then Abram fell on his face, and God said to him, ⁴ “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations.

Meditation

Polly Riddle

**** Opening Hymn**

#16, “The God of Abram Praise” vv 1, 2 & 5

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope

Reading from Hebrews:

John Hodges

We read these words in Hebrews chapter 11 --

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set

out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

Unison Prayer:

Polly Riddle

God of Hope, from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness. You called Abram, whom You renamed Abraham, to be the Father of Many Nations, And while he did not see the manifestation of Your promise, he remained faithful. Guide us to hold to Your Hope with the full expectation of standing blameless before you on the Great Day of the Lord. Amen.

Second Meditation – The Promise Is Given to David

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:1-7, 12-13, 16-17 John Hodges

7 Now when King David was settled in his house and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ² the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” ³ Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind, for the Lord is with you.”

⁴ But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, ⁵ “Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶ I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle.

⁷ Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, ‘Why have you not built me a house of cedar?’

¹² When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established

forever.” ¹⁷ In accordance with all these words and with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

Meditation

John Hodges

Hymn: #72, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”, vv 1, 3 & 5

Prayer of the People and Lord’s Prayer (trespasses)

Polly Riddle

Third Meditation – The Promise Is Given to Mary

Scripture: Luke 1:20-33, 38

Polly Riddle

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. ²⁸ He came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

³⁸ Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord;

let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

Meditation

Polly Riddle

Hymn: #410, “The Solid Rock”, vv 1, 4

**** Doxology and Presentation of the Offering**

**** Prayer**

John Hodges

Fourth Meditation:

The Second Coming Is Anticipated by Paul

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:13 – 18 John Hodges

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel’s call and with the sound of God’s trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord

forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Meditation

John Hodges

Hymn: #430, "Standing on the Promises", vv 1,3

Special Music

Mark Heuckroth

"We Shall Behold Him" – Dottie Rambo .

Fifth Meditation – Hope Is Shown to Jeremiah

Scriptures: Jeremiah 18:1-11

Polly Riddle

18 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord:

² "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." ³ So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴ The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

⁵ Then the word of the Lord came to me: ⁶ Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷ At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸ but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹ And at another moment I may

declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰ but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹ Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you, from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Meditation

Polly Riddle

Closing Hymn:

#298, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord", vv 1, 3 & 4

Benediction

John Hodges

Congregational Response

Hymn #28, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past", v 1

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!

Postlude

Bud Williams and Betty Kingston
"I Wonder As I Wander", Appalachian Carol

*(Please remain respectful of other worshipers who have
chosen to remain during the Postlude)*

Next Sunday

Join us next Sunday afternoon, December 7, the Second Sunday of Advent, when Rev. Dr. Susan Sciarratta will preach and officiate Communion. Prelude by Jane Smith will begin at 1:45.

Today's Worship Staff and Team

Worship Leaders	John Hodges, Polly Riddle
Organist	Bud Williams
Pianist	Betty Kingston
Hymn Leader	Mark Heuckroth
Audio-Visual Ministry Team	Ellen Newman
Ushers and Greeters	Jack Barber, Jennie Housman

Our Prayer Concerns: Last week, the following individuals were lifted up in prayer during our worship service, and many of them continue to need our prayers –

Helen	John	Merl & Flo	Ron & Eleanor
Ellen	Chick	Woody & Jo	Mary Lee
Polly & Irwin		Jeff	Joy Ginny
Bob & Lynn		Gordon & Wendy	Henry
Martha & Charles		Marsha & Eric	Michelle
Janet	Trudy	Jim	Bonnie
Betsy	Martha	Marilyn	Ellen Kimberly
Kirk & Sean		Marsha & Eric	

Prelude Selections

- “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” -, words by C. Wesley,
music by R. Prichard;
- “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” - words by C. Wesley,
music by W. Havergal;
- “While We Are Waiting, Come” - words by C. Cloning,
music by D. Cason;
- “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” - words by J. Montgomery,
German folk song;
- “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” - words by G. Moultrie,
music by R. Williams;
- “Lo, How A Rose E’er Blooming” - German Carol;
- “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” - words by C. Wesley,
music by H. Gauntlett;
- “Once In David’s Royal City” - words by C. Alexander,
music by A. Mann;
- “One Day” - words by J. Chapman, music by C. Marsh;
- “My Faith Has Found a Resting Place” - words by L. Edmunds,
music by W. Kirkpatrick;
- “Dwelling in Beulah Land” - words & music by C. Miles;
- “Higher Ground” - words by J. Oatman, music by C. Gabriel;
- “Lead On, O King Eternal” - words by E. Shurtleff,
music by H. Smart;
- “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” - traditional folk song;
- “Near to the Heart of God” - words & music by C. McAfee.

Monthly Events and Special Announcements

Hand-Made Greeting Card Ministry:

This joint ministry of the **Catholic Council** and the **Protestant Fellowship Council** creates cards for residents of Continuing Care. The group next meets on Tuesday, December 9, in the VC Craft Room from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Call Shanda for more info (513)739-6258, sfcuster@aol.com.



Second Saturday Cinema in December:

On **Saturday, December 14**, we will show the 2015 feature *Miracle Maker: A Christmas Tale* in the **Catering Room** at **7:00 pm**, pre-show at **6:45**.



Woodhaven, a tiny town on the edge of the American frontier, needs a Christmas miracle.

This program is a ministry to residents, friends, and staff at Ann's Choice. No donation will be requested. Your presence at this movie is your donation.

Singing Christmas Favorites:

On Tuesday, **December 16**, Bud Williams, Betty Kingston, Mark Heuckroth and others will present an evening for people to join together singing favorite hymns and carols of Christmas in the Ann's Choice Chapel from 7:00 pm to 8:00.



St. John's United Methodist Church Choirs:

On Wednesday, **December 17**, the Adult and the Bell Choirs will return with a special evening of Christmas favorites in the Ann's Choice Chapel from 7:30 pm to 8:30.



Protestant Fellowship Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be on Monday, December 1, at 10:00 in the Liberty Catering Room. The agenda will include reports on our ministries and the election of four members of the Council who will serve three-year terms.

The Council consists of twelve members who are elected by the Protestant Fellowship. Each member of the Council has different gifts for ministry and leadership, just as Paul described the church in 1 Corinthians 12:12. Some organize well; some speak well; some are thoughtful and prayerful; some are good listeners. Each is different. Each is a valuable member.

Strongly consider volunteering to serve on the Council. If you are asked to serve, seriously consider the opportunity for ministry.

Regular Recurring Announcements

These announcements are summaries of regular recurring announcements. Full details will be included in the bulletins on the first Sunday of the month.

Supporting Our Ministry and Mission

Help support the ministries of the Protestant Fellowship. Make your check payable to: "A. C. – Protestant Fund". On the memo line, please write "Donation".

Pastoral Associate

Rev. Amy Martin devotes part of her time supporting the Protestant Fellowship. You may contact her in Pastoral Ministries, please call her at (215) 443-3831, email her at amy.martin@erickson.com, or leave a message at the front desk in Liberty Commons clubhouse.

***Our Daily Bread* Devotionals**

Devotional booklets are available at Pastoral Ministries in Liberty Clubhouse and in the chapel foyer.

Bible Study

The Bible study meets in the Liberty Music Room on Wednesday morning at 10:00.

Protestant Fellowship Newsletter

The monthly newsletter is available in your cubby or by e-mail. It is also available on the Protestant page of the Resident website and on the Newsletter tab of MyErickson.

Protestant Fellowship Website

Information about the Protestant Fellowship, its activities and the bulletin for Sunday afternoon worship services can be found on the Ann’s Choice resident website.

Monthly Protestant Worship in Continuing Care:

The Protestant Fellowship conducts monthly worship services in The Bistro on the first floor of Rose Garden on the fourth Monday at 11:00. The next service will be on Monday, December 22.

Worship Service Comments:

Send comments about today’s service to Fr. Ernie Curtin (MT-) or John Hodges (BC-412).

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Protestant Fellowship Council in 2025			
Fr. Ernie Curtin	MT-214	Betty Kingston	LP-407
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Dolores Ehrenfeld	BC-312	Bob Swan	BR-201
Trudi Hertfelder	BG-111	Lynn Swan	BR-201
Mark Heuckroth	HR-115	Janet Wentz	PV-107
John Hodges	BC-412	Bud Williams	TC-107