

**JEFFERSON UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**716 GILL HALL ROAD**  
**JEFFERSON HILLS, PA 15025**

***Inspire Faith,  
Develop Relationships,  
and Encourage Community!***

**December 3, 2023**  
***First Sunday in Advent***

**WESTMINSTER CHIMES**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Bobbi Knight**

Leader: Proclaim the good news:

***People: Forgiveness is coming!***

Leader: Shout to the Lord:

***People: Salvation is here!***

**LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES**

**Women's Circle**

**\*HYMN: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" PURPLE #82**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION.**

***Like the flowers of the field, our faithfulness wavers,  
blowing with every breeze and withering in the land.  
We are inconstant, imperfect. We proclaim compassion,  
but leave those in the valley low, crying out for bread.  
We proclaim justice, but leave the lofty high above the lowly.  
We proclaim the Lord with our lips, but do not prepare the  
way with our lives. Forgive our hypocrisy, and level our  
hearts, Lord, that we may serve You. Amen.***

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE: "Go, Tell it on the Mountain" (PURPLE #136)**  
***Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!***

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 40:1-11**

**GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:1-8**

**SERMON "Go Tell it on the Mountain: John the Baptist (Part I)"**

**Rev. Dr. Kristin Widrich**

Adapted from "Prepare Ye The Way" by Tod & Ana Gobledale

**\*HYMN: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

**PURPLE #121**

**\*The Sacrament of Communion**

**\*Communion Bread is Gluten-free and Dairy Free**

\*Invitation to the Table

\*Affirmation of Faith(The Nicene Creed)**Purple Hymnal page 34**

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

**PASTORAL and LORD'S PRAYER**

**Purple Hymnal page 35**

Leader: Hear us, O God;

**Jan Nevling**

***People: Your mercy is great.***

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**PURPLE #34**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*HYMN: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" PURPLE #93**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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**Message to our Guests,**

We are delighted to welcome you this morning! We hope that you will experience the grace, peace, and love of God in this place, and that you will feel at home among our church family.

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**CHURCH WEBSITE: [www.jeffersonupc.com](http://www.jeffersonupc.com)**

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**THIS WEEK AT JUPC**

***Sunday, December 3 – 1st Sunday in Advent***

11:00 Worship with Communion

***Tuesday, December 5***

11:00 Women's Circle Christmas Party in Grace Place

6:30 Play Rehearsal for Children and Youth

***Wednesday, December 6***

11:00 Fellowship Hall Rental – Dr. Laing

6:30 Property Committee in Grace Place

7:00 Girl Scout Leaders meeting in Fellowship Hall

***Thursday, December 7***

3:45 The Table Meal

***Sunday, December 10***

11:00 Worship with Christmas Pageant

12:00 All-Church Christmas Party

**LOOKING AHEAD**

***Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve***

11:00 Service of Lessons and Carols

6:00 Pre-Worship Meeting in Grace Place

7:00 Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary