

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
2nd Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music: Hymn 88, v. 2

**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.**

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Lord of the Stars" Schram
Alleluia Choir

Call to Worship

A voice cries in the wilderness:

**Prepare the way of the Lord; make God's way clear.
Lift up every valley; lower every mountain.
For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.**

* Hymn 106 "Prepare the Way, O Zion"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

**Faithful God, we confess
that we have not led lives of holiness.
We suffer from impatience, apathy, and greed;
we have not been at peace.
We repent of these offenses and turn to you in love.
Forgive our iniquity and pardon our sins,
that we may walk in righteousness to the glory
of your name. Amen.**

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

Lighting the Advent Wreath

**The candle of peace shines bright with God's plan;
The wolf will lie down and dwell with the lamb.
Our guns and our weapons, our hatred and war,
Will give way to gardens that heal and restore.**

Special Music "Every Valley, Every Mountain" Wold
Chapel Choir

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11 (OT, p. 667)

Psalter: Psalm 85 (Hymnal 449)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Gospel Magnificat" Patti Drennan
Jenna Socha, soloist, Bill Carter, piano

Second Lesson: Mark 1:1-8 (NT, p. 34)

Sermon: "Checkpoint in the Desert" Rev. Carter
Sermon Series: Have Yourself a Spiritual Little Advent

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 104 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Offering
Offertory "He Shall Feed His Flock" Beck
Frank Jones

* Response 609

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low, Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 96 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Amen 601

* Postlude "Comfort, Comfort These My People" Burkhardt

You are welcome to listen to the Postlude.

If you are leaving before it is finished, please do so quietly.

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers are given by Meg Hatch to the glory of God and in honor of all music groups at First Presbyterian Church.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist and Director of Chapel Choir	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Members of Chapel and Alleluia Choirs
Ushers	Jim McLaughlin, Betty Keen
Welcomers	Sandra and Steuart Bailey
Advent Candle	Members of Chapel and Alleluia Choirs

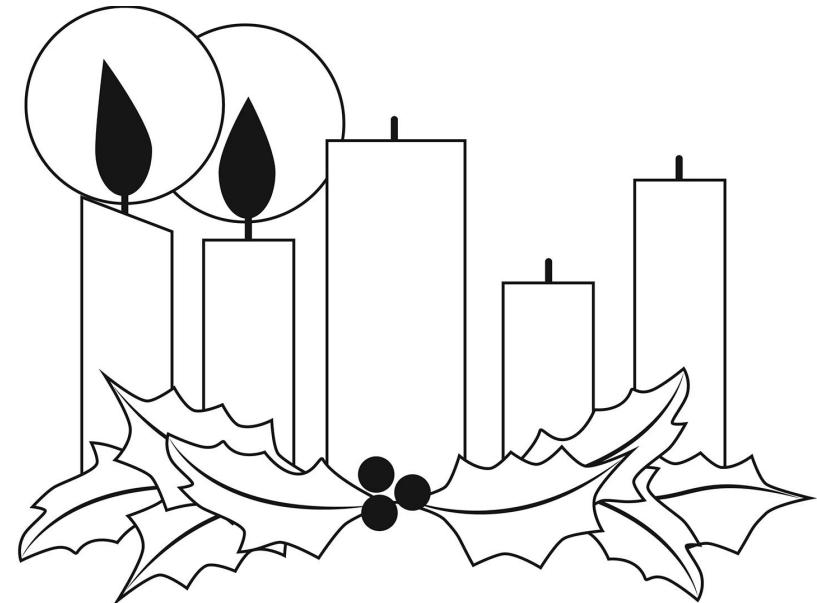


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