

## First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

10:00 a.m.

*In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.*

### ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Veni, Emmanuel" arr. Rawsthorne

Call to Worship

Awake from your sleep: salvation is near!

***The night is far gone; the day is at hand.***

Heaven and earth will pass away,

***but the word of God endures forever.***

\* Hymn 83 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"  
*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

***God of the future,***

***you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.***

***We confess that we have not expected your kingdom,***

***for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment.***

***We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors,***

***abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace.***

***In your mercy, forgive us.***

***Grant us wisdom to welcome your way,***

***and to seek things that will endure***

***when Christ comes to judge the world.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

Liturgy of Hanging the Greens

Congregational Response (95)

***Prepare the way of the Lord! Prepare the way of the Lord,  
and all people will see the salvation of our God.***

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Advent Response

***"Christmas is coming," the church is glad to sing,  
and let the advent candles brightly burn in a ring.***

A Time with Children

Anthem "The Dawn Is Surely Coming" Martin

### PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (OT, p. 738)

Second Lesson: Luke 21:25-36 (NT, p. 85)

Sermon: "Shaken, Not Stirred" Rev. Carter

### RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

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

Offering

Offertory "Wake, Awake, for Night is Coming" arr. Bonington

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*Please hold the bread until all are served, so that we might share it as a sign  
of our unity in Christ. As a sign of individual devotion and commitment, you  
may drink the cup as you are served.*

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

- \* Hymn 97 "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"
  - \* Charge and Benediction
  - \* Congregational Amen (601)
  - \* Postlude "Christ Be Our Light" arr. DeJong
- All are invited to remain seated to listen to the postlude.  
If you are leaving before it is finished, please do so quietly.*

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\* All who are able shall stand.

- The flowers** this morning have been given to the Glory of God
- in loving memory of Johanna Day, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, by the Lang, Lyon, and Berry families, and
  - in honor of the choir.

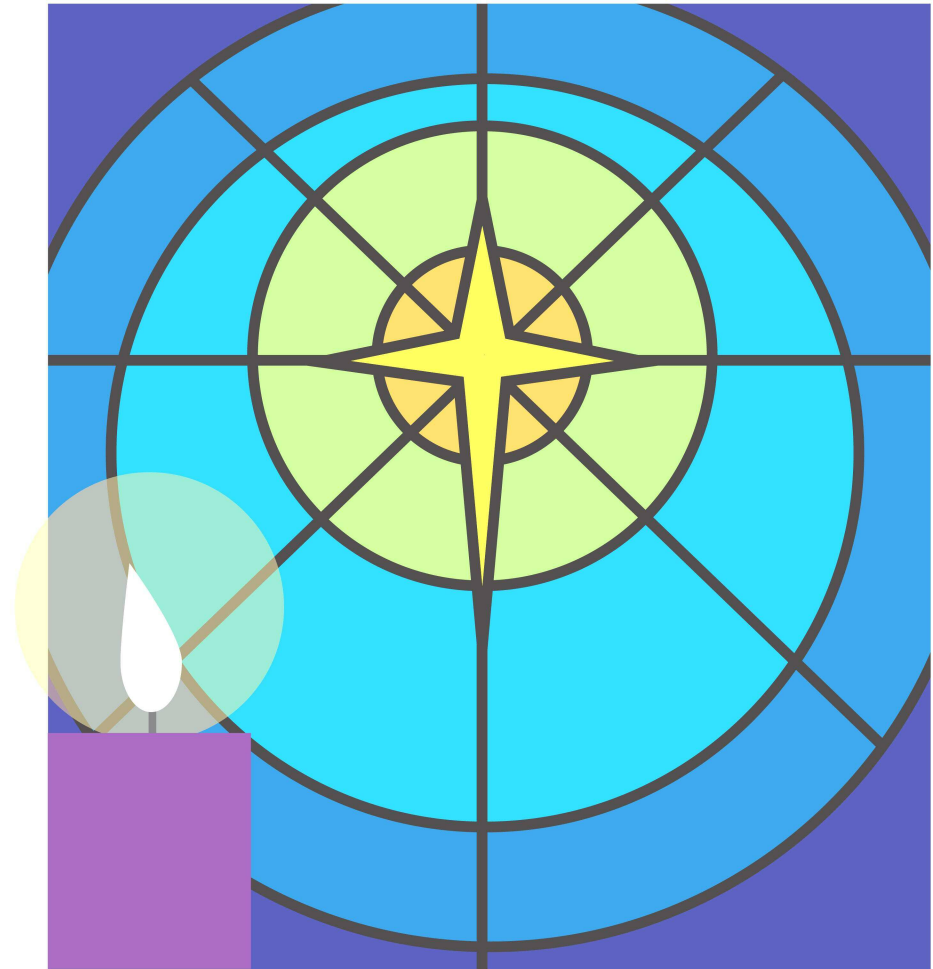
**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Connie Weiss
Ushers	Jim McLaughlin and Betty Keen
Greeter	Steuart Bailey
Advent Candlelighter	The Wescott Family



*We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.*

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