

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019

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 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" arr. Brahms

Call to Worship *Isaiah 40:3-5*

*A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*

*Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;
uneven ground shall become level and the rough places a plain.*

*Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together."*

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

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Lord, have mercy on us.

We are not ready for your coming.

We live in sin, as though there were no justice.

we live in fear, as though there were no grace.

Forgive us, Lord.

Show us your mercy and steadfast love.

Lead us in your truth and teach us your paths,

for you are the God of our salvation.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Advent Response (see insert for music)

The stirring voice of one so true calls human hearts to turn.

The half-truths that confound our souls just like the chaff shall burn.

For hope is born among us as Christ brings light and life.

The dawn of grace shall set us free from all our pain and strife.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10 (OT p. 640)

Psalter: Psalm 72 (Hymnal 265)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Praetorius

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:1-12 (NT, p. 2)

Sermon: "Hope is Replacing the Artificial" Rev. Carter

Advent sermon series: "Hope is..."

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

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

Offering

Offertory "Once He Came in Blessing" arr. Burkhardt

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

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

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Response (765)

***May the God of hope go with us every day
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace. Singing, share our joy with all.
Working for a world that's new. Faithful when we hear Christ's call.***

* Postlude "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" arr. Callahan

*All are invited to remain seated 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 this morning have been given by Gayle Hamilton to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Orin Hamilton and her sister, Lucille Heckman.

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	David Naeher
Ushers	Betty Keen and Jim McLaughlin
Greeter	Mick and Lee Wirth
Advent Candlelighting Family	The Naeher Family



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.



**PRODUCE FRUIT
IN KEEPING WITH
REPENTANCE.**

MATTHEW 3:8, NIV

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