

First Presbyterian Church

Fellowship Hall Service | December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

GATHERING SONG

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Zion, messenger of good news, shout from the mountaintops!

People: Shout it louder, O Jerusalem. Shout, and do not be afraid. Tell the towns of Judah, “Your God is coming!” (Isaiah 40:9)

Leader: He will tend his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms, he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. (Isaiah 40:11)

People: Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call his name Immanuel, which means, God with us. (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23)

HYMNS OF PRAISE

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. *Amen.*

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ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

“What a Beautiful Name It Is”

OFFERING

“Even So Come”

PRAYER FOR CHRIST’S PEOPLE

CATECHISM

Leader: Did God create us unable to keep his law?

People: No, but because of the disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, all of creation is fallen; we are all born in sin and guilt, corrupt in our nature and unable to keep God’s law.

All: Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.

(Romans 5:12)

GREETING OF PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Leader: Today is the First Sunday of Advent, in which we recall the hope we have in Christ.

SCRIPTURE READING *from Isaiah 9:1-7*

Leader: Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ. Let us pray.

All: Father, your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth, to cultivate our hearts to make us willing and able to declare our hope in you to the world. Help us this morning and every day to worship you, to hear your Word, and to obey your will by sharing our hope in Christ with others. We ask this in the name of the One who is our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, none other than our Redeemer and King Jesus, Amen.

Children’s church for kids 4 years old through 1st grade is available at this time. Leaders will meet the children just outside the Fellowship Hall and walk them to the PreK-K room or parents may walk them back.

SERMON

“This, This Is Christ the King!”

Rev. Chris Bowen

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“What Child Is This?”

THE BENEDICTION