

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS WEEK

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| Preacher: | Rev. Scott Thompson |
| Liturgist: | Rev. Leanne Thompson |
| Pianist: | Jill Boeyink |
| Special Music: | Music Team |
| Projectionist: | Abigail Thompson |
| Sound Tech: | Terry Woitaszewski |
| Nursery Supervisor: | Erica Boeyink |
| Valet Parking: | George Christensen |
| Ushers & Greeters: | The Youth |
| Counters: | Doug and Sharon Bakker |
| Fellowship: | Jon and Darcy Gubrud |



Welcome to worship! We are glad you are here to worship God and spend time with your family of faith. As we worship together this morning, here are some things to know:

- **Children are welcome in worship!** We appreciate their curiosity, their wonder, and even their noise. We want children to know that they are welcome in God's house and in God's family. As a ministry to parents, **a nursery is provided for children birth-1st grade.** Children are invited to stay in worship through the Children's Blessing before going to the nursery. Activity pages and play bags are available for children during worship.
- **Copies of the sermon are available** in manuscript form at the back of the sanctuary each week. If you have difficulty hearing the sermon, you are welcome to pick up a copy of the manuscript to follow along during worship.
- **We sing hymns from three songbooks located in the pews:** PH = large blue "Presbyterian Hymnal"; SF = small blue "Sing the Faith" songbook; SH = spiral-bound "Songs from the Heart."

First Presbyterian Church Willmar, MN December 9, 2018



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Please rise as you are able.*

*Please join in speaking **bolded** text.*

PRELUDE

"The Fist Nowell"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The days are surely coming, says the Lord

All: when I will fulfill my promise to my people.

One: Justice and righteousness will fill the land

All: and all will live in peace and safety.

INTROIT **“While We are Waiting, Come”**

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Reader 1: We light this candle as a symbol of the hope we have
 in the promise of the Lord’s coming.

Reader 2: For the Lord will fulfill his promise
 to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.
 A righteous branch will spring up for David;
 and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

***HYMN** **“He Has Come For Us (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)” #77 (SH)**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Testify with honesty the condition of your souls. Give defense not for yourself
but only the Lord’s grace, which will save you in your time of trial. With
confidence in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

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 if there were not grace.
Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your
truth, and each us your paths, for you are the Lord of our salvation. Amen.**

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The Lord is our righteousness. In Christ we are forgiven!

THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

HYMN **“Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)”**

#56 (SH)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Luke 21:5-19

One: This is the word of our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Advent: Songs of Hope

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, in heaven, holy is your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today, our daily bread;

forgive our sins and turn us from temptation.

The kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever.

Amen, amen, amen.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Song of Hope”

***DOXOLOGY (sung to the tune of *All Creatures of Our God and King*)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

***HYMN** **“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”**

#3 (PH)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Emmanuel”