

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS WEEK

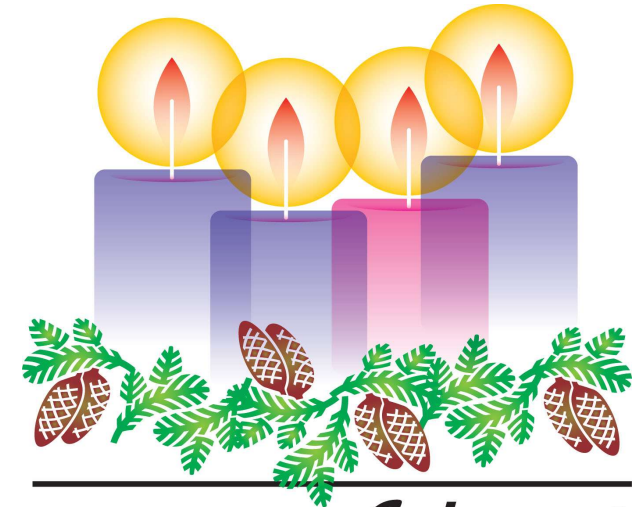
<b>Preacher:</b>	Rev. Leanne Thompson
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Rev. Scott Thompson
<b>Pianist:</b>	Jill Boeyink
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<b>Projectionist:</b>	Cheryl Tebben
<b>Sound Tech:</b>	Terry Woitaszewski
<b>Nursery Supervisor:</b>	Erica Boeyink
<b>Valet Parking:</b>	Sarah Sieck
<b>Ushers &amp; Greeters:</b>	Gary and Lori Manzer
<b>Counters:</b>	Chuck and Karen Stern
<b>Fellowship:</b>	Richard and Karen Lange & Ivan and Miriah Robles



**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 23, 2018**



FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

*\*Please rise as you are able.*

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

**PRELUDE** "Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow"

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: My soul magnifies the Lord;

**All: my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

One: The Mighty One has done great things.

**All: Holy is God's name!**

**INTROIT**

**"While We are Waiting, Come"**

**Insert**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

Reader 1: We light this candle as a symbol of the joy to be found in your kingdom on earth.  
Reader 2: For the Lord elevates the lowly, releases the captive, and brings sight to the blind. We rejoice in his justice and mercy, faithful to all generations.  
**All: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!**

**\*HYMN “Angels from the Realms of Glory” #22 (PH)**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Happy are those whose help is the Lord.  
Let us seek God’s help as we confess our sins.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God our Savior, we ask for your mercy. Though we have heard Mary’s song, we still seek security in pride and power and possessions. Though we know your story, we resist the cost of following you. We pass by those considered lowly in this world. We turn away from hungry people who still wait to be filled. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to work for the justice you intend. Make us messengers of the peace you bring. As we wait for you, turn our apathy into acts of love and service. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.

**SILENCE FOR REFLECTION**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

One: God forgives all our sins and promises to bring us to everlasting life.  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

**THE PEACE**

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**

**ANTHEM “Glory (Let There Be Peace)”**

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

**CHILDREN’S BLESSING**

**HYMN “Hymn of Joy” #97 (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 Joy**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER #1 (SH)**

**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 “He Shall Reign Forevermore”**

**\*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 “Joy to the World” #40 (PH)**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE “Sing We Christmas!”**