

First Presbyterian Church

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP: 8:30am / CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 11:00am

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: 9:30am in Fellowship Hall / SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:00

Sunday, November 29, 2015

First Sunday in Advent

8:30am

As the prelude plays, silently come into the Lord's presence.

Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ

who is here to meet you today.

"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE

"Pastorale" – Purvis

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

(Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor)

CHORAL INTROIT

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Chancel Choir

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH:

8:30 Martin Family

11:00 Fasnacht Family

Leader: This first Sunday in Advent we light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation.

People: **O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*HYMN

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

No. 2

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God, You are our stronghold and our refuge. You shelter us under Your wings as we are disoriented by the events happening around us in the world. We long for a simple way of life, and yet our decisions push us closer to complications and confusion. Forgive us for veering away from Your path which You have so carefully laid out before us. Steer us back into Your loving arms where we can find security and protection even as we reach out to those around us in need. Thank You Lord for loving us unconditionally and without limit. We pray this through Jesus our Lord, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE: *[Please share Christ's peace with one another with handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]*

*HYMN

"Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Beth Feiler

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 7:10-17 (OT p636)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-38 (NT p56)

SERMON

"The Annunciation"

Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN

"Prepare the Way"

No. 13

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Bethlehem" – Johnson

Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*HYMN

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

No. 8

*BENEDICTION & RESPONSE

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

*POSTLUDE

"Postlude on 'Truro'" – Bingham

NEXT WEEK

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Luke 1:46-55

"The Magnificat"

11:00am

Greeting & Announcements

Advent Lighting

Advent Response *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

*Praise & Worship

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (Hyfrydol)

Holy is the Lord

How Great is Our God

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message: Beth Feiler

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 1:26-38

Sermon: *"The Annunciation"*

*Offering/Closing Song

Give Thanks

*Benediction

SERMON NOTES:
