

# 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, December 11, 2016

## Third Sunday of Advent

8:30am

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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

*"Bethlehem"* – arr. Johnson

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: Barge Family

Leader: This third Sunday in Advent we light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy. May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.

People: **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

\*HYMN

*"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

No. 31

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Almighty God, You send Your Son into a world where the wheat must be winnowed from chaff and wickedness clings even to what is good. Let the fire of Your Spirit purge us of greed and deceit, so that, purified, we may find our peace with You and You may delight in us. We ask this through Him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near, Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 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

David Griffith

*(For those who wish, children grades 1-4 can leave for children's church at this time.)*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

*Daniel 9:3-10 (OT p830)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

*Romans 1:8-15 (NT p152)*

SERMON

**ROMANS: FAITH FOR DUMMIES**

Rev. Robert Bronkema

*"Prayer III: Praying Focused on God"*

\*HYMN

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

No. 44

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*"He is Born"* – Trad. arr. Krogstad

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

*"Angels We Have Heard On High"*

No. 23

\*BENEDICTION & RESPONSE

*"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

\*POSTLUDE

*"Fantasy on Gloria"* – Johnson

### NEXT WEEK

Psalm 121

Romans 1:8-15

*"Prayer IV: Pray with Hope"*

11:00am

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\*Praise & Worship

*O Come All Ye Faithful  
Hosanna (Praise is Rising)  
Newborn King*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message: David Griffith

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Scripture Readings

Daniel 9:3-10; Romans 1:8-15

Sermon *"Prayer III: Praying Focused on God"*

\*Offering/Closing Song

*What Child Is This*

\*Benediction

SERMON NOTES:

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