

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 18, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30am

PRELUDE

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent" – arr. Dengler

FPC Bell Choir

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: Colvin Family

Leader: This last Sunday in Advent we light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace. May the visitation of Your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy.

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

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

No. 41

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Who are we, Lord God, that You should come to us? Yet You have visited Your people and redeemed us in Your Son. As we prepare to celebrate his birth, make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of Your word, and move us by Your Spirit to bless Your wonderful works. 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

*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

Brett Foote

ANTHEM

"Christmas Sanctus" - Dengler

Chancel Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 121 (OT p571)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 1:8-15 (NT p152)

SERMON

ROMANS: FAITH FOR DUMMIES

Rev. Robert Bronkema

"Prayer IV: Pray with Hope"

*HYMN

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

No. 48

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Ding Dong Merrily on High" – arr. Brendlinger

FPC Bell 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

"Once in Royal David's City"

No. 49

*BENEDICTION & RESPONSE

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

*POSTLUDE

"Postlude on Mendelssohn"

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

DIRECTORS OF STUDENT & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES: Brett Foote & Emily Ott

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Dr. Tim Yoder

WORSHIP LEADER / READER: 8:30 Linda Lawrence / 11:00 Murray Miller

Acolyte: Mason Barge

NEXT WEEK

Christmas Eve

Isaiah 7:10-17

Matthew 1:18-25

"Christmas – The Story"

Christmas Day

Isaiah 7:10-17

Matthew 1:18-25

"Christmas---The Rest of the Story"

11:00am

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*Praise & Worship

Newborn King

All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises

Joy to the World

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message: Brett Foote

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

Scripture Readings

Psalm 121; Romans 1:8-15

Sermon

"Prayer IV: Pray with Hope"

*Offering/Closing Song

Adore

*Benediction

SERMON NOTES:
