

First Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, December 25, 2016 **Merry Christmas!** 10:00am

PRELUDE "Angels Medley" – Thompson FPC Bell Choir

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CHRISTMAS INTROIT "Joyfully Sing, Welcome the King" – Davenport/Larson Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is born! Give him glory! Christ has come down from heaven! Receive him!
Christ is now on earth! Exalt him!

People: **O earth, sing to the Lord! O you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified.**

*HYMN "The First Nowell" No. 56

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ You came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted the good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of Your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the 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 David Griffith

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 7:10-14 (OT p636)

WORSHIP IN SONG "Adore" – Kendrick/Chalk

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 1:18-25 (NT p1)

SERMON "Christmas---The Rest of the Story" Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN "What Child is This" No. 53

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "How Great Our Joy" – arr. Krogtad 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 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" No. 29

*BENEDICTION & RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

*POSTLUDE "On This Day Earth Shall Ring" – arr. Johnson

<p>NEXT WEEK Deuteronomy 31:9-13 John 15:1-5 Covenant Renewal Service</p>
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PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema
DIRECTORS OF STUDENT & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES: Brett Foote & Emily Ott
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Dr. Tim Yoder
WORSHIP LEADER / READER: Henry Miller
Acolyte: Katie Barge