

First Presbyterian Church
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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP: 8:30am / CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 11:00am
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: 9:30am in Fellowship Hall
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:00am

Sunday, December 24, 2017 **Fourth Sunday of 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 *"The Holly and the Ivy"* – English Carol, arr. Martin Donna Burkholder, Piano

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: Barge 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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*HYMN *"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"* No. 22

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of light and life, we thank You and glorify You for having a heart for our salvation. We confess that when You came, we did not receive You. Forgive us for not recognizing the gift of Your redemption for us. Reawaken our awe for the true meaning of Advent so we can once again experience the joy of great expectations. In the name of the promise that is breaking forth, the one named Emmanuel, Alleluia! 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 Jean Pontz

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 52:7-10 (OT p683)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-7 (NT p58)

SERMON

ADVENT SERIES: THE HEART OF CHRIST
"A Heart for You"

Rev. Robert Bronkema

*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

"He is Born" – arr. Krogstad

Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY

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

*HYMN *"Once in Royal David's City"* No. 49

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

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

<p>Next Week Romans: Faith for Dummies Joshua 2:1-7 Romans 11:28-32 <i>"When Disobedience is a Good Thing"</i></p>
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11:00am

Greeting & Announcements

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*Praise & Worship

Angels, We have Heard on High

All the Earth

Joy to the World

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message: Jean Pontz

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Scripture Readings

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Sermon: **Advent Series: The Heart of Christ** "A Heart for You"

*Offering/Closing Song

Adore

*Benediction

SERMON NOTES:
