

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, December 2, 2018

First Week 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

"How Beautiful Are the Feet of Them" – Handel
"By Still Waters" - Smith

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: Children's Sunday School Classes

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

Dear Lord, we thank You and Praise You for acting on behalf of those who wait for You, and for coming to the help of those who gladly do right by You. We confess that we did not expect a baby, conceived out of wedlock, to poor parents. Forgive us for being underwhelmed by Your earthly arrival, and overwhelmed by the season that is meant to celebrate it. Help us to be the servants who were put in charge, waiting with joy and in grateful expectation for our Master's return. Keeping watch together through Advent, we pray in the name of our Emmanuel. 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

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

ANTHEM

"And the Word Was God" – Harlan

Chancel Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 64:1-9 (OT p694)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 13:32-37 (NT p51)

SERMON

"Keep Awake"

Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?"

No. 11

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*"Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland" – Young
(Come, Savior of the World)*

*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.*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Welcome

Distribution

**[Worshippers: please hold the bread, that we may eat together as Christ's one people.
Please drink as you are ready,
in acknowledgment of our individual standing before the Lord.]*

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"To God All Praise and Glory" – Wilson

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF TRADITIONAL MUSIC: Dr. Bruce Gerlach

DIRECTOR OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC: Tess Miller

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Walter Kondratowski

LITURGIST: Karen Bachman

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30 Jean Pontz / 11:00 Jeff Marsh

ACOLYTE: 8:30 Mason Barge / 11:00 Evie Fulmer

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*Praise & Worship

God With Us

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus (Hyfrydol)

Reckless Love

Prayer & Peace

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Scripture Reading

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Sermon

"Keep Awake"

Communion

*Offering/Closing Song

What a Beautiful Name

*Benediction

SERMON NOTES:



Next Week (Second Sunday in Advent)

Isaiah 40:1-11

Mark 1:1-8

"Do You Have the Spirit?"