

# First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, December 9, 2018

## Second 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

*"Mary, Did You Know"* – arr. Hayes

*"There Were Shepherds . . ."* - Price

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

MINUTE FOR MISSION: *eGiving*

Mike Carle

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: Young-at-Heart Class

Leader: This second Sunday in Advent we light this candle as a symbol of Christ the Way. May the Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation.

People: **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

\* HYMN

*"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"*

No. 20

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Sovereign God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, we thank You and praise You for the power of Your word which endures forever. We confess that our noisy preparations for Christmas risk drowning out Your Heavenly Host crying "Here is your God!" Forgive us, and send Your Spirit to help us to block out the worldly noise so we can hear Your messengers calling out to prepare the way for You, and only for You. We pray together in the name of the 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

*"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"*

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice;**

**Now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this!**

**He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.**

**Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

David Griffith

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

ANTHEM

*"An Advent Credo" – Martin*

Chancel Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

*Isaiah 40:1-11 (OT p667)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

*Mark 1:1-8 (NT p34)*

SERMON

*"Do You Have the Spirit?"*

Rev. Robert Bronkema

\*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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*"He Shall Speak Peace" (fr. Messiah) – Handel*

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!**

\*HYMN

*"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*

No. 38

\*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

\*POSTLUDE

*"In Dulci Jubilo" – arr. Young*

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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 Darla Barge / 11:00 Murray Miller

ACOLYTE: 8:30 Isla Marsh / 11:00 Tessa Kondratowski

11:00am

Greeting & Announcements

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\*Praise & Worship

*Holy Spirit*

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

*Sanctuary*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message: David Griffith

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Scripture Reading

*Isaiah 40:1-11; Mark 1:1-8*

Sermon

*"Do You Have the Spirit?"*

\*Offering/Closing Song

*Here As in Heaven*

\*Benediction

SERMON NOTES:

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**Next Week (Third Sunday in Advent)**

2 Samuel 7:1-11

Luke 1:26-38

*"Confidence in God"*