

# First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, December 15, 2019

**Third Sunday in 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 *"Vom Himmel Hoch"* – Pachelbel

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: Martin Family

Leader: This third Sunday in Advent we light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy. May the joyful promise of Your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope 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

**Holy and loving God, together we thank You and praise You for sending a messenger to prepare the way for the Good News. Together we confess that in our doubt we ask "Are You the One?" despite all of the signs. Together we pray to be forgiven for not fully understanding what we have come out to see. Open our hearts and our minds to joy in the knowledge that the Holy Way to Zion is before us. 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 *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*  
**O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Kristin Kondratowski  
*(For those who wish, children grades 1-4 can leave for children's church at this time.)*

ANTHEM *"Canticle of the Turning"* – Hopson Chancel Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Isaiah 35:1-10 (OT p663)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 11:2-6 (NT 11)*

SERMON **A SEASON IN THE LECTIONARY** Rev. Robert Bronkema  
*"Not the Kind of Messiah That You Would Expect"*

\*HYMN *"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"* No. 37

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *"In Dulci Jubilo"* – Near

\*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 *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* No. 41

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

\*POSTLUDE *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* – Young

## 11:00 Service

Greeting & Announcements

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\*Praise & Worship

*Head to the Heart*  
*Love Has a Name*  
*It Is Well*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message: Kristin Kondratowski

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First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 11:2-6

Sermon: **A SEASON IN THE LECTIONARY**      *"Not the Kind of Messiah That You Would Expect"*

\*Offering/Closing Song

*Jesus Messiah*

\*Benediction

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema  
ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER: Christopher Henkel  
DIRECTOR OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC: Tess Feiler  
DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler  
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Walter Kondratowski  
LITURGIST: Karen Bachman  
WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30 Howard Smoker / 11:00 Terry Sweigart  
ACOLYTES: 8:30 Isla Marsh / 11:00 Lola Nadu

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