

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, December 22, 2019

Fourth Sunday in 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 Huron Carol"* – Koch

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: Guise 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 *"Go! Tell It on the Mountain"* No. 25

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Holy and loving God, together we thank You and praise You for giving us signs that will lead us to You. Together we confess that we put You to the test because Your signs do not meet our expectations. Together we pray to be forgiven for doubting that Mary's baby is our salvation. Open our hearts and our minds to peace knowing that because of Jesus we have the power to refuse the evil and choose the good. 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 Beth Feiler
(For those who wish, children grades 1-4 can leave for children's church at this time.)

ANTHEM *"Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?"* – Lau Chancel Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Isaiah 7:10-16 (OT p663)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 1:18-25 (NT 11)*

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

*HYMN *"What Child Is This?"* No. 53

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *"Veni, Emmanuel"* – Young

*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 *"Away in a Manger"* No. 29

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

*POSTLUDE *"Josef Est Bien Marie"* – Balbastre

11:00 Service

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*Praise & Worship

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus
The Lion and the Lamb
God With Us*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message: Beth Feiler

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First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

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

*Offering/Closing Song

What a Beautiful Name

*Benediction

Next Week

Rev. Dr. David Drain preaching

Psalm 90:1-4, 10-12

Ephesians 5:15-17

"Counting Days or Days That Count?"

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 Carolyn Groff / 11:00 Murray Miller

ACOLYTES: 8:30 Lucy Kondratowski / 11:00 Evie Fulmer