

# 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 8, 2019

**Second 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 *"Meditation on 'Come Thou Long Expected Jesus'"* – Pardini

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: Elias-Lizardo Family

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 *"Prepare the Way"* No. 13

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Holy and loving God, together we thank You and praise You for providing us with a pathway of reconciliation with You. Together we confess that the Jesus in the manger still does not meet with our expectations of a king. Together we pray to be forgiven for our shallow understanding of the total greatness of that gift. Open our hearts and our minds to the joy of preparing for the root of Jesse. 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 David Griffith  
*(For those who wish, children grades 1-4 can leave for children's church at this time.)*

ANTHEM *"Canticle of Peace"* – Martin Chancel Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Isaiah 11:1-10 (OT p640)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 3:1-12 (NT p2)*

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

\*HYMN *"In the Bleak Midwinter"* No. 36

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *"Lo, How A Rose E're Blooming"* – Haan

\*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 *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"* No. 38

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

\*POSTLUDE *"Vom Himmel Hoch"* – Bach

**In our prayers today and your prayers this week please remember the following:**

**Dale Groff, Ken Corey, Bob Masoner, Doris Hunter** ---recovering at home

**Elizabeth Long** --- pressure and stress from working full-time as a nurse and attending college full-time

**Ryan Smith (Bev Bjornson's grandson)** ---recovering at home---fighting cancer

**Tobias Leaman** ---L-S senior with bone cancer (915 Lime Valley Rd, Willow Street PA 17584)

Our sisters and brothers in our partner congregations of the Presbyterian Church of Honduras, Presbytery of Mthatha (South Africa) and Donegal Presbytery. This week pray for:

**Honduras:** Mar de Galilea Congregation, Puerto Grande

**Mthatha:** S. B. Mglobo Memorial Congregation

**Donegal:** Penningtonville Presbyterian Church, Atglen (Hoilly Miller is their Transitional Pastor)

In need of the prayer chain? Call Sandy Bernstorf (687-7276); if no answer, call Mary Taylor (464-4745)

Deacons for December: Carolyn Groff (687-7982) & Dave Russell (687-0387)

### 11:00 Service

Greeting & Announcements

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\*Praise & Worship

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

*Come Thou Fount Come Thou King*

*What a Beautiful Name*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message: David Griffith

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First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

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

Communion

\*Offering/Closing Song

*Your Peace Will Make Us One*

\*Benediction