

First



Presbyterian Church



Sunday Worship

Second Sunday of Advent

8 December 2019

9:30 a.m.

Everyone Is Welcome!



You are invited to join us on our journey of faith! We seek to serve God, to minister to our community, and to love one another. Help us in our quest to become an ever more inclusive church that welcomes all people from all backgrounds, abilities, and identities. Come along and experience the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

Children of all ages are welcome in worship! Please feel free to use “The Children’s Guide to Worship” (the “Mouse” book) to help explain the worship service to young children. Copies are with the children’s books near the NE entrance to the sanctuary. You can find Worship Art Bags there, too.



- Nursery Care is also offered. A professional childcare provider is available in Room 128 every Sunday for children up to 5 years old.
- Changing stations are provided in the women’s restroom (Room 147), the men’s restroom (Room 148) and our gender-neutral restroom across from the chapel (Room 123)

Please silence your electronic devices,
but feel free to tag your presence in worship using social media.

Individual hearing amplifiers are available. Please see an usher for assistance.

Christian worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power to the triune God.

In worship the people of God acknowledge God present in the world and in their lives.

As they respond to God’s claim and redemptive action in Jesus Christ,
believers are transformed and renewed.

In worship the faithful offer themselves to God and are equipped for God’s service in the world.
(Book of Order, Directory for Worship W 1.1001)

Those who are able are invited to stand for portions of the service marked with an asterisk.

Hymns/songs with 2 or 3 digits are found in the hardcover ***Glory to God*** hymnal.

Hymns/songs with 4 digits are found in the soft cover ***Sing the Faith***.

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

PRAYER IN PREPARATION

O Root of Jesse, O Peace, stir up your power within us,
that in this time we may await with abundant expectation
the fulfillment of your eternal presence in creation,
for you live and reign among us, Maker, Savior, and Giver of Life,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE

What Child Is This?

arr. Mark Hayes

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

David and Martha Peters

One: The season of Advent continues. Four thousand years of waiting for the Messiah, commemorated by the lighting of four candles.

All: We join with a hopeful throng in the lighting of the Advent candles, symbols of our faith and signs of God's love.

One: We are a people of hope. Last Sunday the frail light of a single candle dared to pierce through the darkness of isolation and sin.

All: Hope lives in us and will abide with us.

One: Today we light the candle of peace.

All: This light, too, must brave great darkness.

One: In an age when people so seldom find peace within themselves, and when all the earth stands under threat of destruction, we light a fire called peace.

All: Peace is not merely the absence of war and conflict, but peace that is the fullness of blessing for all- that is the peace for which we dare to hope.

One: The Christ comes to bring peace to those who have been separated from God and one another.

All: In the name of that Child born so long ago, we light the candle of peace.

Two purple candles- the candle of Hope and the candle of Peace- are lit.

*GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

One: Christ, the One who was, and is, and is to come,
welcomes you to this place. As one body, with one voice,
we honor and glorify the giver of wisdom, counsel, knowledge, and joy..

All: Amen. So be it.

*HYMN 88

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v. 1, 2, 4, 7)

*CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Call to Confession

One: Let us lay before God and one another the distances between us,
the impatience, idolatries, and lack of compassion
that form our confessions this day.
For if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves.
Yet in mercy, God will forgive us and renew us.

Prayer of Confession

One: Let us pray . . .

**All: Gracious and welcoming God,
have mercy on your people.
We confess that we do not believe in your incarnation.
We do not heed your word each day in all that we say and do.
We do not see our neighbors, families, and friends
as beloved children whom you have made.
In your mercy, forgive us,
for we repent of our ways and look to your power
to heal us and raise us up,
so that, at the last, you will gather us to you
and give us peace. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: The reign of God has come near;
the repentant will be judged with righteousness.
You are forgiven.
Be filled with hope, believing in the power of the risen Christ
to bring you to new life. Rejoice and believe.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Passing of the Peace

One: Since God has forgiven us and set us on the path of peace, let us forgive one another and offer peace.

All: Peace be with you.

[Please greet those around you with the words, "Peace be with you."
During cold and flu season it is acceptable to forego shaking hands.]

Act of Praise 91 –Come, Come Emmanuel

(Sing 2 Times)

Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: Your word, Holy God, was written for our instruction.
By your Holy Spirit open our ears
and fill us with the mysteries of your ancient love;
through Jesus Christ we pray.

All: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE (Responsive)

ISAIAH 11:1-10 p. 640 OT

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

**2The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.**

**3His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;**

**4but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek
of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath
of his lips he shall kill the wicked.**

5Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

**6The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.**

**7The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.**

**8The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den.**

**9They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.**

**10On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;
the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Advent Grace

Loyd Larson

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Romans 15:4-13 p. 163 NT

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON:

Making Good on Old Promises

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN 94

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Westminster Confession of Faith

One: Let us confess our faith together:

**All: It pleased God, in God's eternal purpose
To choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, the only begotten Son,
To be the Mediator between God and humankind,
The prophet, priest, and king;
The head and Savior of his Church,
The heir of all things and judge of the world...**

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

One: We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship and service.

All: Thanks be to God!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

One: We give thanks to God for these blessings.

All: Thanks be to God!

One: For all these people and all who are in need

All: Please hold your people near, O God!

OFFERING

Minute for Mission—

Sentences

One: We bear fruit worthy of our repentance
when we give our tithes and offerings for the well-being of the poor.

Offertory

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

arr. Mark Hayes

*Doxology 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

One: We give you thanks, Holy One, for all good things:
for this universe and for Earth itself, for creatures and plants, for water and food,
for light and darkness; for Jesus, our brother, who enlarged our vision,
setting himself before us as the bread and wine of abundant life;
and for the Holy Spirit, who comes to us in baptism
and moves in our midst with the power to lead us to you.
Turn our offerings to your good will, and turn us always to you in gratitude.

All: Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: God inspires us to pray, hears our prayers, and answers our prayers.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

One: Let us pray....

Silent Prayer

One: Let us pray together the Lord's Prayer...

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

***HYMN 110**

Love Has Come

***CHARGE**

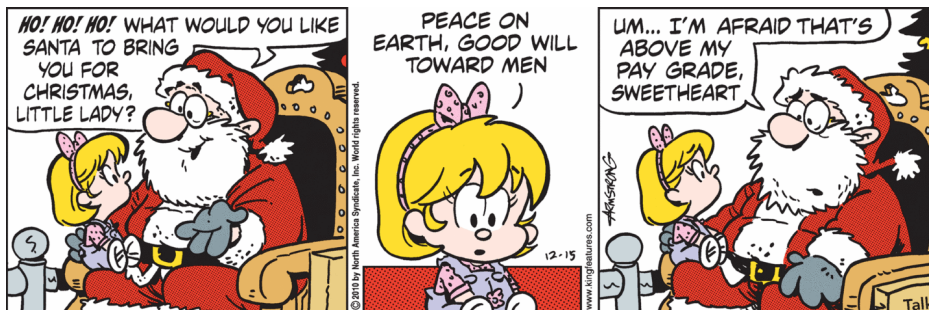
***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Ding Dong! Merrily on High

arr. Mark Hayes

A THOUGHT TO TAKE WITH YOU



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Jay Brooks– Elder of the Week
Deborah Burris– Greeter
Sarah Mrideth- Visitor Liaison
Darrell Bryant– Head Usher
Lisa Hollabaugh– Sound

Wendi Zea– Worship Assistant
Jeff Franklin– Scripture Reader
Saem Lee– Accompanist
Dorothy Beyler and Neal Foland- Fellowship Host

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019

Worship in the Sanctuary
Child Care/Enrichment Available
Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
Sunday School
Bible Study–Parlor Faith Dialogues–Chapel

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019

7:00 pm Session

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019

3:30 pm Bible Study with Pastor Kerry
4:45 Mission Ministry
5:30 Worship Ministry
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2019

6:30 pm Oasis Carbondale LGBTQIA+ Affirming Group

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019

4:00-6:30 pm PSEI Fellowship Event in Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019

9:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary—Christmas Cantata
Child Care/Enrichment Available
Fellowship in Fellowship Hall –Deacon's Cookie Sunday
Sunday School
Bible Study–Parlor Faith Dialogues–Chapel

Pastor Kerry's Office Hours

Monday 9:30-4:30

Wednesday 9:30-4:30

Tuesday 9:30-4:30

Thursday 9:30-4:30

If you would like a visit—or if you know someone who needs a visit—please let Kerry or one of the Deacons know.

Household Prayer: Morning

As I rise, O God, I give you thanks for safety in the night, for rest from my labors, for another day in this creation. Turn my eyes toward what is noble. Teach me to see hope where it is veiled. Give me the wisdom to desire the good. Help me to love not only those I encounter but myself as well, for with you, I know my many frailties and failings. Let peace reign. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

As I end this day, Holy One, I give you thanks for the richness of my hours: for family and friends, for people with whom I work and play, for my neighbors, for those who fill this world with music and art, for those whose needs remind me of my blessings and whose skills make me grateful for differences. Guard us all, O God, and keep us in your embrace until the daylight comes. Amen.

LEADERSHIP

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