

## First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent

December 1, 2013

9:00 and 10:55 a.m.

### ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music  
Concerns of the Church  
Prelude

Call to Worship Romans 13:11-12  
Salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers.

***The night is far gone, the day is near.***

Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

***The night is far gone, the day is near.***

\* Hymn 1 (PH) “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”  
*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

***God of the future,***

***You are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.***

***We confess that we have not expected your kingdom.***

***We have lived casual lives and ignored your promised judgment.***

***We have been slow to serve you and our neighbors.***

***Lord, have mercy.***

***Forgive us for the sake of Christ, our Savior,  
whose coming we await.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Response: ***God of promise, God of hope: into our darkness come!***

### PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Matthew 24:36-44 (NT, p. 27)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“O Day of Peace”

Parry; arr. Powell

Second Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5 (OT, p. 631)

Sermon: “Study War? No More!”

Rev. Carter and Friends

### RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn “Down By the Riverside” (see insert)

\* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed (PH, p. 14)

Offering

Offertory

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving (PH, p. 13)

The Lord’s Prayer

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*Please hold the bread until all are served, so that we might share it as a sign of our unity in Christ. As a sign of individual devotion and commitment, you may drink the cup as you are served.*

\* Prayer after Communion

### GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* Hymn 9 (PH)

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude

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\* All who are able shall stand.

PH Presbyterian Hymnal

**Sing** Sing! A New Creation (green songbook)

**The flowers** this morning have been given by Judy Cutler to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Joan Bojman.

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	William G. Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Music	Susan Kelly
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Meg Hatch
Advent Family	Peggy Lyons family (9:00)
	Keen / Spangler family (10:55)
Welcomers	Bill Keen (9:00), Alice and Dick Broxton (10:55)



**The Session has revised Sunday morning worship time** for the winter months. Beginning on *Sunday, December 29, 2013* and continuing through *Sunday, March 30, 2014*, please join us for worship at **10AM**.

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### ***Matthew 24:36-44***

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

### ***Isaiah 2:1-5***

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!