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# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent

December 22, 2013

9:00 a.m. and 10:55 a.m.

## **ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Gathering Music (PH 38)

Concerns of the Church

Prelude

“Angels We Have Heard on High” arr. Smith/Hustad  
Beverly Bright, piano; Kay Ten Eyck, organ

Call to Worship

Luke 1:32-33

He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High.

***The Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.***

He will reign over the house of Jacob forever,

***and of his kingdom there will be no end.***

\* Hymn 22 (PH)

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

***God of grace and truth,***

***in Jesus Christ you will come among us  
as light shining in darkness.***

***We confess that we have not welcomed the light,  
or trusted good news to be good.***

***We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst,  
expecting little, and hoping for less.***

***Forgive our doubt and renew our hope,  
so that we may receive the fullness of your grace,  
and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

Lighting the Advent Wreath

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

### **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Matthew 1:18-25 (NT, p. 1)

Psalter: Psalm 80 (Sing 100)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Cherry Tree Carol”  
Susan Kelly, solo

arr. Niles

Second Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-16 (OT, p. 636)

Sermon: “The Child Will Change You”

Rev. Carter

### **RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Hymn 37 (PH)

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

\* Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Presentation of Norah Florence Delaney

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

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

\* The Act of Baptizing

\* Welcome (Unison)

***With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church; for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ.***

\* Affirmation of Faith (10:55): Apostles' Creed (PH, p. 14)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering  
Offertory 9:00 "A Stable Lamp is Lighted" David Hurd  
10:55 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" arr. Engel  
\* Doxology (PH 592)  
\* Prayer of Dedication

### **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn 24 (PH) "Away in a Manger"  
\* Charge and Benediction  
\* Postlude "While By My Sheep" arr. Young

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\* All who are able shall stand.  
PH Presbyterian Hymnal  
**Sing** Sing! A New Creation (green songbook)

### **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	William Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Music	Susan Kelly
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Chris Norton
Ushers	Brian Schillinger, Chris Spangler (9:00)
	Carole LaCoe, Shirley McLaughlin (10:55)
Welcomers	Kurt and Phil Wadsworth (9:00)
	Mary Parry (10:55)
Advent Family	Woodley family (9:00)
	Susan Kelly and Alan Baker (10:55)



*We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.*

### ***Matthew 1:18-25***

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

### ***Isaiah 7:10-16***

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.