

# First Presbyterian Church

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

November 29, 2015

10:00 a.m.

*In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.*

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church

Prelude    Prelude on "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"    arr. Wold

Call to Worship

The days are surely coming, says the Lord,  
when I will fulfill my promise to my people.

***Justice and righteousness will fill the land  
and all will live in peace and safety.***

Let us worship God!

\* Hymn 83            "Come, Thou, Long-Expected Jesus"  
*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

***Lord, have mercy on us.***

***We are not ready for your coming.***

***We live in sin, as though there were no justice.***

***We live in fear, as though there were no grace.***

***Forgive us, Lord.***

***Show us your mercy and steadfast love.***

***Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths,  
for you are the God of our salvation.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

\* Response (Hymnal 95)

***Prepare the way of the Lord! Prepare the way of the Lord,  
And all people will see the salvation of our God.***

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Response (Hymnal 85, verse 1)

***Light one candle to watch for Messiah:  
let the light banish darkness.***

***He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.***

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Luke 21:25-36 (NT, p. 85)

Psalter: Psalm 25:1-10 (OT, p. 502)

A Time with Children

Anthem

Second Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (OT, p. 738)

Sermon: "Interrupted By Hope"

Rev. Carter

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 88            "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (verses 1-4)

\* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory            "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"            arr. Simmons

\* Doxology (606)

\* Prayer of Dedication

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

- \* Hymn 93 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"
- \* Charge and Benediction
- \* Postlude "Savior of the Nations, Come" arr. Callahan

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\* All who are able shall stand.

***The flowers** this morning have been given to the glory of God by Jim and Shirley McLaughlin "in thankfulness for our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. We are truly blessed."*

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	John Weiss
Ushers	Elaine Lavelle, Laura Schillinger
Welcomers	Alice and Dick Broxton

Char Lyon, Lee Wirth, and Bonnie Plantholt will light the first Advent Candle.



*We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.*

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FIRST SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**

### ***Luke 21: 25-36***

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

### ***Jeremiah 33: 14-16***

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”