

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
4th Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2015

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music
Concerns of the Church
Prelude

“What Child Is This?”

arr. Wells

Call to Worship

from Luke 1:46-55

My soul magnifies the Lord.

My spirit rejoices in God my savior.

The Mighty One has done great things,

Holy is God's name.

* Hymn 100 “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

God our Savior, we ask for your mercy.

Though we have heard Mary's song,

we still seek security in pride, power, and possessions.

We pass by those considered lowly in this world,

and turn away from the hungry who still wait to be filled.

Forgive us, we pray.

Help us to welcome the last and the least,

and empower us to take our place as their servants.

For that is the justice we see in Jesus Christ, our Emmanuel.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and 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 4)

Light four candles to watch for Messiah;

let the light banish darkness.

He is coming; tell the glad tidings. Let your lights be shining.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Micah 5:2-5(a) (OT, p. 865)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Ukrainian Bell Carol”

Gillespie

Gospel Lesson: Luke 1:39-45 (NT, p. 57)

Sermon: “Little One”

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 121 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (Hymnal, p. 14)

Presentation of Jack Robert Glasser

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (Hymnal, p. 35)

Offering

Offertory

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

arr. Powell

* Doxology (606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 145 "What Child Is This"
* Charge and Benediction
* Postlude "Veni, Emmanuel" arr. Powell

* All who are able shall stand.

Lighting the Advent Wreath today will be David, Karis and Rebekah Naehar.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Director of the Bell Choir	Richard Cochrane
Liturgist	Laura Schillinger
Ushers	Gwynne Gilbert, Margaret Reese
Welcomers	Mary Ellen Galdieri and George Harris



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

Micah 5:2-5

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."