

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
1st Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016

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 "Savior of the Nations, Come"

arr. Dahl

Call to Worship

Jesus says, "I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Awake from your sleep: salvation is near!

The night is far gone; the day is at hand.

* Hymn 107 "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

we confess that we do not walk in your light.

We hurt and destroy one another

and neglect the poor and hungry.

We let evil grow among us and fail to bear good fruit.

Forgive us, God of grace.

Awaken us to your Word,

so that we may be ready to welcome you with joy;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

Lighting the Advent Wreath

One candle shines as shadows lengthen and chaos roars—
the dawn of God's kingdom is in our midst.

Courage awakens in us. There is a spark to brighten the way.

Watching and waiting, we prepare room for Christ to come.

Christ is coming to make all things new. We watch for the light!

Response (Hymnal 350)

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,

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keep your lamps trimmed and burning,

for the time is drawing nigh.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

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

Psalter: Psalm 122 (Hymnal 400)

A Time with Children

Anthem

"O Day of Peace"

arr. Proulx

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

Sermon: "The Promise of Peace"

Rev. Carter

Sermon series: What God Promises the World

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 757 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

* Affirmation of Faith from the Belhar Confession

We believe that God has entrusted the church

with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ.

We believe the church is called to be

the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

We believe that the church is called blessed

because it is a peacemaker.

***We believe that the church is witness both, by word and by deed
to the new heaven and the new earth
in which righteousness dwells.***

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. Callahan

* Doxology (606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 362 "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers"

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Amen 601

* Postlude "Come, O Long-Expected Jesus" arr. Powell

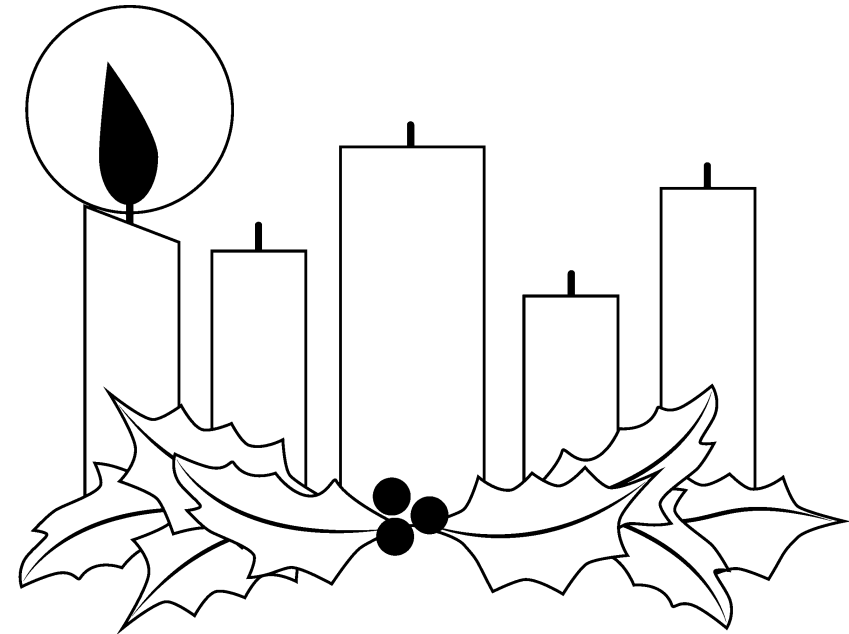
*During Advent, we invite you to remain seated until the Postlude is complete,
as a way to meditate upon the meaning of the season.*

* All who are able shall stand.

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

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Trumpeter	Jeff Leas
Liturgist	Grace Farrell
Ushers	Marsha Parrish, Ryan Flynn
Welcomers	Sandra and Steuart Bailey
Advent Candle	Men's Breakfast Group (Jack Pittman, Mick Wirth, Fred Campbell)



FIRST SUNDAY
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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!