

First Presbyterian Church
Service for the Lord's Day
2nd Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

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

Alleluia Choir

Call to Worship

God has promised us a new creation
where righteousness will be at home.
Blessed is the Holy One, our God,
who has sent a mighty Savior to redeem us.

* Hymn 106 “Prepare the Way, O Zion”
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

Advent Response

***"Christmas is coming," the church is glad to sing,
and let the advent candles brightly burn in a ring.***

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4 (OT, p. 889)

Biblical Song: Luke 1:68-79 (Hymnal 109)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Come, Come Emmanuel”
Chapel Choir

Bailey and Mayo

Second Lesson: Matthew 1:1-17 (NT, p. 1)

Sermon: “Begin the Begats: Cracks in the Family Tree”

Rev. Dr. Eelman

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 “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” Phelps

* Congregational Response (95)

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

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 93 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Congregational Amen (601)
- * Postlude “On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry” arr. Archer

*All are invited to remain seated to listen to the postlude.
If you are leaving before it is finished, please do so quietly.*

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers are given by Gayle Hamilton to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Orin Hamilton, and her sister, Lucille Heckman.

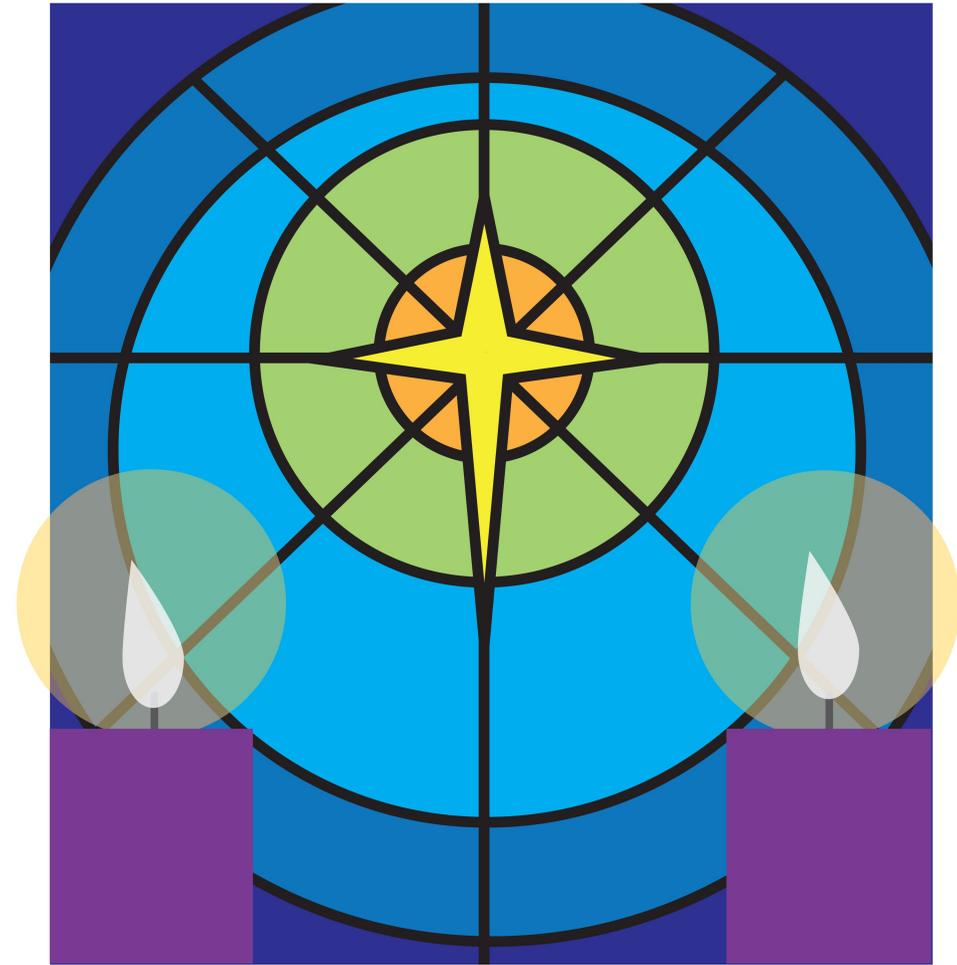
PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Guest Preacher	Rev. Dr. Brent Eelman	Coordinator
of Children and Youth		Jana Schillinger
Director of Music		Frank Jones
Organist and Chapel Choir Director		Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgists and Wreath lighters	Members of the Alleluia and Chapel choirs	
Ushers	Jim McLaughlin and Betty Keen	
Greeter	Jeanne Comly	



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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SECOND SUNDAY
OF
Advent

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Matthew 1:1-17

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of

Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

Call to Confession (12/2 through 12/23)

A voice is crying out in the wilderness:
Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

[Prayer of Confession is printed in the bulletin]

Assurance of Pardon (12/2 through 12/23)

The wilderness will rejoice; the dry land will blossom.
The people of God will return with joy and singing.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace

Since God promises the restoration of all things
that belong to his holy love, let us live in peace with one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

[And also with you.]

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, our hope and strength,
by the power of your Spirit
prepare the way in our hearts
for the coming of your Word,
so that we may see the glorious signs
of your promise fulfilled;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.