



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

December 8, 2013

9:00 and 10:55 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" Wold

Call to Worship from Isaiah 40:3-5

A voice cries out, "In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord."

Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

All people shall see it together, for the Lord has spoken.

* Hymn 11 (PH) "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

God of the future,

You are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.

We confess that we have not expected your kingdom.

We have lived casual lives and ignored your promised judgment.

We have been slow to serve you and our neighbors.

Lord, have mercy.

***Forgive us for the sake of Christ, our Savior,
whose coming we await.***

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Gloria Patri (PH 579)

Lighting the Advent Wreath

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

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Matthew 3:1-12 (NT, p. 2)

Psalter: Psalm 72 (Sing 120)

A Time with Children

Anthem	9:00	“Prepare the Way for the Lord”	Bedford
	10:55	“A Stable Lamp is Lighted”	David Hurd

Second Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10 (OT, p. 640)

Sermon: “The One We Want”

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 104 (Sing) “Song of Zechariah”

* Affirmation of Faith: Advent Prayer (Sing 99)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory “Comfort, Comfort These My People” arr. Burkhardt

* Doxology (PH 592)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 10 (PH) “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude “Prepare the Royal Highway” arr. Cassler

* All who are able shall stand.

PH Presbyterian Hymnal
Sing Sing! A New Creation (green songbook)

The flowers this morning have been given by Alma Herron to the glory of God in memory of her father, George R. Herron.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Music	Susan Kelly
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgists	Chapel Choir (9:00) Kim Barrows (10:55)
Welcomers	Wayne Griffiths (9:00) Alice and Dick Broxton (10:55)
Advent Family	Chapel Choir (9:00) Carl Haines Family (10:55)



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.