

## First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2014

10:00 a.m.

### ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music  
Concerns of the Church  
Prelude "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

Call to Worship

My soul magnifies the Lord.

***My spirit rejoices in God my savior.***

For the Mighty One has done great things,  
***and holy is God's name.***

\* Hymn 143 "Angels, From the Realms of Glory"  
*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

***Faithful God, we know that you are always there to guide us,  
yet we often make plans without listening to you,  
and discover that our human agendas  
can drown out our ability to hear your will for us.  
We repent of these faults and turn to you in love.  
Forgive our offenses and pardon our sins,  
that our lives may magnify your holy name forever.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Passing of the Peace

Lighting the Advent Wreath

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.***

### PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Romans 16:25-27 (NT, p. 165)

Second Lesson: Luke 1:46-55 (Hymn 99)

*All will sing verses 1, 3, 5. Women will sing verse 2, Men will sing verse 4.*

A Time with Children

Anthem "Tempus Adest Floridum" arr. J. Behnke  
*Our young children are invited to attend "Joyful Noise" in room 103.*

Gospel Lesson: Luke 1:28-38 (NT, p. 56)

Sermon: "Meditating With Mary"

Rev. Carter

*Theme: Advent Awakenings*

### RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 145 "What Child is This"

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory "Cranham" Holst, arr. Linken & McFadden

\* Doxology (606)

\* Prayer of Dedication

### GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* Hymn 119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

*Joyful Noise! participants will return to the sanctuary.*

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Musical Response

\* Postlude "Carol of the Bells"

Bell Choir

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\* All who are able shall stand.

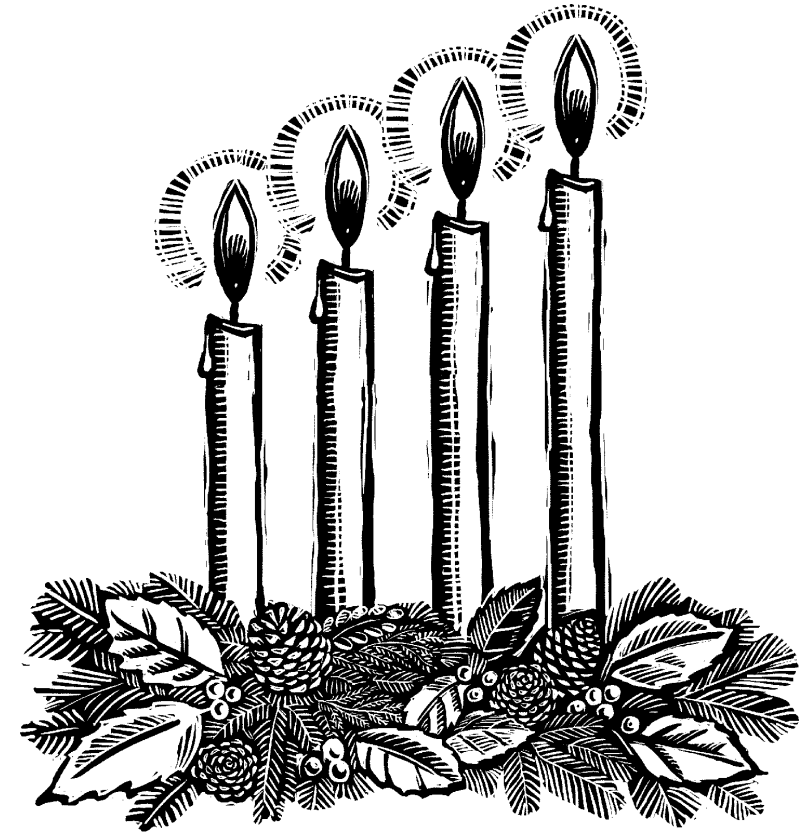
**Lighting the Advent Wreath** this morning are Heather and Candace Ferrese.

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Bells	Richard Cochrane
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Chris Norton
<i>Joyful Noise</i> leaders	Kate Hopkins and Bill Farrell
Ushers	Sarah Ann Hosier and Ginny O'Brien
Welcomer	Lorraine Daniels



*We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.*



## Fourth Sunday in Advent

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### ***Romans 16:25-27***

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

### ***Luke 1:28-38***

And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.