

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019

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 "Bell Peal on How Great Our Joy" arr. Linda R. Lamb

Call to Worship

Isaiah 7:16, 25:9

The Lord will give you a sign.

**Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son,
and shall name him Immanuel.**

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

* 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 and Passing of the Peace

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Advent Response

So who could dream God's wondrous love, when things did not go well?

The righteous soul marked from above to name Emmanuel!

For hope is born among us as Christ brings light and life.

The dawn of grace shall set us free from all our pain and strife.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Isaiah 54:1-8 (OT, p. 684)

Psalter: Psalm 80 (Hymnal 355)

A Time with Children

Anthem "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. Linda Scholes
Alumni Teen Bells

Second Lesson: Matthew 1:18-25 (NT, p. 1)

Sermon: "Hope is the Unexpected Child"

Rev. Carter

Advent sermon series: "Hope is..."

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 "Christmas Fantasy" arr. Raney

* Doxology (606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 140 "Once in Royal David's City"

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Response (765)

*May the God of hope go with us every day
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace. Singing, share our joy with all.
Working for a world that's new. Faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

* Postlude

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Bells and Brass arr. David Justice & O.D. Hall

*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.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Director of Bells	Richard Cochrane
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Myrna Diven
Ushers	Betty Keen and Jim McLaughlin
Greeters	Barbara and Jack Pittman
Advent Candlelighters	John and Myrna Diven
Trumpeters	Jesse Morvan, Jeff Leas
Trombonists	Malcom Viney, Todd Hunter
Alumni Teen Bell Choir	Kristian Scheuer, Andrea Weiss Glasser, Laura Schillinger Moore, Brad Scheuer, Jana Schillinger, Patrick Urban



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

The virgin will be with child and
will give birth to a son, and they
will call him **Immanuel.**

Matthew 1:23



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