



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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November 27 — 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Watch and wait, Christ is coming soon.

**People:** *Christ is with us now.*

Leader: Look and see, God's creative power is close at hand.

**People:** *God's power is with us here.*

Leader: Stop and notice, God has a plan to form our lives anew.

**People:** *God is re-creating us each and every day, re-forming us in the image of love.*

\*HYMN "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" No. 82

SPECIAL MUSIC "Light the Advent Candle" ~ arr. Eleanor Daly

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Dee Barham & Nancy Bolen

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we turn away from you or neglect your presence, O God, don't rage against us or turn away in silent wrath. When we sin and fall short of the people you would have us be, don't hide your loving presence from us. Speak to us anew, that we may hear your voice and notice your presence in our lives. Shine upon us with your grace and mercy, that we may return to you and return to love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession)*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Christ, we are made new and rich in every grace needed to restore us and make us whole. In Christ we are forgiven and made blameless before God. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**People:** *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

Please share a sign of peace with others.

### GLORIA PATRI

### CHILDREN SERMON

Dan Wilkers

### ANTHEM

"Wait! Watch!"

~ Herb Frombach

### THE WORD

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 24:36-44

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

### SERMON

"When?"

Dan Wilkers

### SENDING

\*HYMN "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" No. 104

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Apostles' Creed" Hymnal p. 35

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### \*DOXOLOGY

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" No. 377

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

**GOOD MORNING!** We welcome each of you to this service of worship and we are glad you are here. We invite you to fill out the Welcome card found in the pew rack and place the card in the offering plate, so we can welcome you further and start to get to know you better.

### **THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

<b>Today</b> (11/27)	9:00a	Café Faith
	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service
<b>Mon</b> (11/28)	9:00a	Bulletin Information Due
	6:30p	Sweet Adelines
<b>Tue</b> (11/29)	1:00p	Paint Ministry
	5:00p	Weight Watchers
<b>Wed</b> (11/30)	9:00a	Wt. Watchers
	9:30a	Men's Bible Study
	5:30p	Christian Ed Committee Mtg.
	6:30p	Mission Committee Mtg.
	7:30p	Adult Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thu</b> (12/1)	11:30a	PGA Luncheon
<b>Fri</b> (12/2)		No Scheduled Church Activities
<b>Sat</b> (12/3)	8:30a	Women's Bible Study
<b>Sun</b> (12/4)	9:00a	Café Faith
	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service



### **Poinsettias**

If you are interested in purchasing a Poinsettia plant(s) to help decorate the sanctuary, please complete the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board.

Deadline is TODAY

November 27, 2016

**Please fill out prayer request cards.**

**This will ensure that your request is added to the prayer list and that names are spelled correctly.**

**Thank you for your assistance!**

