



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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December 4 — 2nd Sunday of Advent

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A voice is crying in the wilderness.

People: *It is hard to hear above the noise of traffic and shopping.*

Leader: A voice is crying in the wilderness.

People: *Many sounds are drowned out by advertising slogans and sale announcements.*

Leader: A voice is crying in the wilderness.

People: *We are here to quiet our lives and hear the good news.*

*HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (verses 1-4) No. 88

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Downing Family

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving Lord, you stand ready to receive us as we acknowledge the distance we have placed between you and us. We have not been intentional about evaluating our flaws. We have ignored your demands on us, neglected your presence with us, and rejected your claim on our lives. Forgive our willful disobedience and stubborn desire to make our own way without your guidance. Send your Spirit to reclaim and renew us, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the word of the Lord: "As far as the east is from the west, so far have I removed your transgression from you." 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

Amy Evans

SPECIAL MUSIC "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:1-12

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON "Religion Can Get in the Way" Dan Wilkers

SENDING

*HYMN "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" No. 96

*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 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (verses 5-7) No. 88

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory and honor of God and are placed by Dee Barham in memory of her parents, Osma P. Barham, Jr. and Nelva H. Barham.

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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

Today (12/4)	9:00a Café Faith 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service
Mon (12/5)	9:00a Bulletin Information Due 6:30p Sweet Adelines
Tue (12/6)	1:00p Paint Ministry 5:00p Weight Watchers 7:00p W&M Committee Mtg.
Wed (12/7)	9:00a Wt. Watchers 9:30a Men's Bible Study 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thu (12/8)	1:30p S&F Committee Mtg.
Fri (12/9)	No Scheduled Church Activities
Sat (12/10)	8:30a Women's Bible Study
Sun (12/11)	9:00a Café Faith 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service - <i>Communion</i>

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!



The Gathering: Please join us on Wednesday, December 14, for The Gathering at 6:00p. A light dinner will be served immediately following the service.

Crisis Control: During the month of December, Crisis Control is in need of toilet paper. Please place your donations in the Crisis Control box in the Narthex.

Rent-A-Youth: Don't Forget! If you need any yard work done, household repairs, odds & ends work, please contact Amy Evans and **rent our youth to do the work!**

Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.

Serving Today (Dec 4)

Greeters: Rich Tincher
Megan Tincher
Ushers: Burch Idol
Lay Reader: Millie Vernon
Acolyte: Linus Downing

Serving Next Sunday (Dec 11)

Greeters: Millie Vernon
Lorna Foster
Ushers: Priscilla Henderson
Faye Hodges
Lay Reader: Marge Birmingham
Element Prep: Priscilla Henderson
Bernie Krecklow
Assisting Elders: Millie Vernon
Dale Watts
Ellen Watts
Becky Colins