



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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December 11 — 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Communion Sunday

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates and be lifted up, O ancient doors.

**People:** *That the King of glory may come in.*

Leader: Who is the King of glory?

**People:** *The Lord, strong and mighty.*

Leader: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

**People:** *We open the doors of our lives to receive our King.*

#### \*HYMN

*"Prepare the Way, O Zion"*

No. 106

#### *"Light the Advent Candle"*

~ arr. Eleanor Daly

#### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Downing Family

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Wind Thru the Olive Trees"*

Linus Downing

*"Away in a Manger"*

Isaac Downing

*"We Three Kings"*

Linus Downing, primo

Isaac Downing, secondo

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving Lord, we rejoice in the flavor of this season. We do, however, get sidetracked by the commercialism of our society. We have seen too many details of decorating and gifting, but we have not prepared ourselves to receive Christ in fresh, new ways. Send us your Spirit to quiet our lives and calm us down. Send us your Spirit to open us up to the ways in which you constantly come to us. Forgive our faithlessness, 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: Jesus said, "Come to me, you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest." The good news is that God calls us to lay down the guilt in our lives and receive God's love and mercy. Friends, believe the good news.

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

\*Those who are able, please stand.

#### 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

### THE WORD

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11:2-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

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

#### SERMON

*"Playing Second Fiddle"*

Dan Wilkers

### SENDING

#### \*HYMN

*"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"*

No. 97

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*"The Nicene Creed"*

Hymnal p. 34

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

#### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### \*DOXOLOGY

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Words of Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution

Sharing God's Gifts

Communion Prayer

#### \*HYMN

*"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"*

No. 159

#### \*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 father's birthday on December 15.

\*Those who are able, please stand.

**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> (12/11)	9:00a Café Faith 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service - <i>Communion</i>
<b>Mon</b> (12/12)	9:00a Bulletin Information Due 10:00a PWOC Meeting 6:30p Sweet Adelines 7:00p Stated Session Meeting
<b>Tue</b> (12/13)	1:00p Paint Ministry Christmas Lunch 5:00p Weight Watchers
<b>Wed</b> (12/14)	9:00a Wt. Watchers 9:30a Men's Bible Study 5:30p Youth Gathering 6:00p The Gathering 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thu</b> (12/15)	No Scheduled Church Activities
<b>Fri</b> (12/16)	No Scheduled Church Activities
<b>Sat</b> (12/17)	8:30a Women's Bible Study
<b>Sun</b> (12/18)	9:00a Café Faith 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a PGA Barn Dinner Theater

**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 11-Communion)**

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 Collins

**Serving Next Sunday (Dec 18)**

Greeters: Joy Lynn Budkey  
Sam Henderson  
Ushers: Bernie Krecklow  
Lynda Self  
Lay Reader: TBD  
Acolyte: Isaac Downing

