

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday, Dec 4th, 2016
Second Sunday of Advent
Communion

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Please stand at items marked * if you are able.
Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in Unison
Organ Prelude – Hymn and Quiet Reflection

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Susan Mattinson

Pianist: Min Yeong Sin Music Director: Kendall House

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

* **Entry of the Bible**

Introit

Lighting the Candle of Peace (see insert) Sandy Allen

* **Hymn:** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" #115

Opening Prayer:

God of wisdom and understanding, you are the living water that purifies us, you are the voice that calls us from our wanderings and our isolation and that sets us on a new path. You baptize us for service and life in community and you refresh each soul. Glory and honour and praise be to you this day and always! We confess that we sin against you and one another by what we say and do, by what we neglect, and by what preoccupies us. Too often, we follow old paths and habits and we fail to live as those who receive new life. We do not make full use of the gifts of your Spirit, and we waste our talents and opportunities. Help us to live in the newness of life that we have been given, renew us and make straight our paths. Create in us clean hearts. For we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who was and who is and who is to come. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem

* **Children's Hymn:** "Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding" #116
(Last verse after Children's Time)

Children's Time

**"Be Still and Know that I am God" (Ps. 46: 10)
Please take the time before the service as an opportunity to quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship.**

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Upcoming Events at First

Dec 6 th	More than Mission	12:00 pm
Dec 7 th	Session Meeting	7:00 pm
	Board of Managers	6:30 pm
Dec 8 th	Bible Study Windup	10:00 am
	Choir practice	7:00 pm
Dec 9 th	Crafts & Conversation	1:00 pm
Dec 11 th	Worship Service (Intergenerational) (followed by Congregational dinner)	11:00 am

Share the Love, Spread the Warmth

The Craft and Conversation Group will once again be collecting items of warmth (hats, mitts, socks, scarves, sweaters) to distribute to organization within our community. Boxes will be available in the back of the church beginning Sunday (Nov. 27). Clothing will be distributed after worship service on Sunday, December 18. Items donated can be purchased, handmade or gently used.

Saw Winning is looking on someone's behalf for a piano or full sized keyboard. If you or someone you know has one that they'd be willing to part with, please call him at 577-5948.

Funeral Convenor Job

"Job Description" has been prepared for anyone interested in taking on this important position.
Suggestion: 2 people may want to co-convene.

More Than Mission thanks the congregation for providing and purchasing baking at our sale last week. We raised \$176 which will be used to support local groups.

Have you been saving dimes for More Than Mission?
Please turn in your collection to a MTM member today.

Thank you this week to: Dec 4th
Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving
Lay Reader: Patricia Creed
Fellowship Time: Ruth George and Cheong Lo
Elevator Operator: Colin Rackham
Offering Counting: Sandra Allan, Mickey Kennedy, Leila Pettigrew
Offering Collection: R. Brown, J. Nystrom, J. Taylor. B. Seabrook

THANK YOU!

Next week's volunteers: Dec 11th
Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving
Lay Reader: Evelyn Konrad
Fellowship Time: Congregational Dinner (no coffee hour)
Elevator Operator: Laird Morrison
Offering Counting: Maybelle Gair, Debbie Linkletter, Maureen Verdone
Offering Collection: R. Brown, J. Nystrom, J. Taylor. B. Seabrook

CHRISTMAS CONGREGATIONAL DINNER
 Sunday December 11, 2016 Noon - Church Hall

The Board of Managers will provide turkey, ham, gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes, beverage and dinner rolls.

If your last name begins with A to M, please bring a salad
 If your last name begins with N to Z, please bring a dessert

Because some of our congregation may have severe allergic reactions to products containing nuts, please ensure no nuts or peanut cooking oils are used in the salads or desserts

The Sign-up sheets are at the back of the church, please take the time after service to sign up.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation: #119 v.1
 "Hope is a star that shines in the night, leading us on till the morning is bright. When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be afraid."

Bible Readings:
 Isaiah 11:1-10 P. 640-641 OT
 Psalm 72:1-6 P. 583 OT
 Romans 15:4-13 P. 163-164 NT

Gloria Patri: #594
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Sermon: "Tree of Jesse"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

*** Offertory Response:** #145 v. 4
 "What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet what can I give him--give him my heart."

Prayer of Dedication:
 Lord of our life, we rush through this season buying gifts that we hope will convey just the right message. However, you invite us to ask ourselves if we are equally as busy preparing messages that proclaim the Good News to a hurting world. Through giving, remind us again of the baptismal covenant. This Advent, may we proclaim a message that is exemplified by our generosity, our kindness, and our prayers. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Special Music: "This Little Light of Mine" – William Dapru

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

*** Hymn:** "Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming" #151

Jesus is Lord! The Word of God is made real and human in our midst. All things are possible with God. Our thanks and praise rise into the heavens. Even in the midst of this world's darkness, we believe that God's love will never be defeated, and that peace will come and be found among us. We believe that God has entered human life. Our journeying is forever accompanied by Jesus, who is the light of the world and is understood in kindness. This we believe and from this we live.

Remembering the Meal with Jesus

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And the Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give our thanks!

We give our thanks and praise to the Lord God!

Holy One, Holy Three—Spirit, Son, and Father, you unfolded time and space and created us to love and be loved, to live on this earth, and tend to it for your glory. With grateful hearts,

We offer our praise and thanks.

Holy One, Holy Three—Author, Word, and Breath, you chose your covenant people and you revealed yourself as holy, incomparable, and elusive—as liberator, judge, and compassionate forgiving love. With grateful hearts,

We offer our praise and thanks.

Grace-full God, whose saving power enlarges us and our capacity for love, setting us free to live in your wonder, hear us as we join our voices with angels and archangels, the saints around your throne, and all creation to sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might;

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy One, Holy Three—Lover, Beloved, and Energy of Love, you became human in Jesus, whose love goes beyond our limits, reaching out to good and bad alike and calling us to practice peace, mercy, and kindness, to forgive as we have been forgiven; and to love even our enemies. With grateful hearts,

We offer our praise and thanks.

Holy One, Holy Three—Giver, Given, and Gifting, as we share this bread and cup, we remember how Jesus died for us, bore our sins in his body on the tree, defeated the powers of this age, and lives among us here and now, breaking our dividing walls and giving us good news. With grateful hearts,

We offer our praise and thanks.

Holy Spirit, power and presence of Holy Three, Holy One, make this bread and cup our communion with the body and blood of Christ. With grateful hearts,

We offer our praise and thanks.

Sharing the Meal

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debts...debtors)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn: "Let there be light"

#727

Blessing

Response:

#168 v.5

"Sacred infant, all divine, of God's tender love a sign, for you came from highest bliss, down to such a world as this! Hail, O ever-blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn! Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem."

Postlude