

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, Dec 11th 2016
3rd Sunday of Advent

Please stand at items marked * if you are able.

Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in Unison.

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 Joy (see insert) Lynda Kvarda

*Hymn: "Hark the glad sound" #118

Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, you have arranged and ordered all things in creation. You transform all things, so that the darkness is pierced by light, the speechless sing, the immobilized are set free. Let us receive the good news joyfully! Let us accept the great gifts that Christ brings with gratitude. Grateful for who you are and in honesty about who we are, we confess. We have sinned against you, through ingratitude, because of disobedience, and as a result of the hardness of our hearts. We have not attended to the words of prophets. We have not looked for the signs of your realm of justice and light. We have not lived with expectation or hope. Have mercy upon us, this day and always. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem

*Children's Hymn "Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet" *sing twice* #466

Children's Time

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."

"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

Bible Readings:

† Proverbs 4:20-27

OT - Pg. 587-588

† Psalm 146:5-10

OT - Pg. 581-582

† Colossians 3:1-4 12-14

NT - Pg. 201

Gloria Patri:

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

"Silent Knight, Holey Knight" (based on a skit by Michael Hutton)

*Hymn: "Silent night" #154

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:

Redeeming God, we are called to prepare our hearts and souls for the coming of Christ. Multiply these gifts to echo the message of your greatness and glory. Open our ears to the needs of your people shrouded in depression and despair. Use our voices to tell your stories and to lead others into the community of Christian fellowship. Let our actions of faithful giving be a beacon of our complete devotion to your guidance in our lives. We pray to your glory forever and ever. Amen.

Minute for Mission – Debbie Linkletter- Scouts

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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn: "Long ago, prophets knew" #121

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 eve blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn! Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem

Postlude