

FIRSTPRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, Dec 18th 2016
4th 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

Sweet little Jesus Boy – Evelyn Konrad

Lighting the Candle of Love (see insert) Don Murray

*Hymn: "Come, thou long-expected Jesus" #110

Opening Prayer:

Creator and Lover of the World, besides you there is no greater allegiance in our life. We come to sing praises with the angels. We come to adore you with Joseph. We come to ponder your mystery with Mary. We come to you this day, because you first came to us. We come to love you, because you first loved us. We come to serve you, because you first served us. You call us to live joyfully within your creation, but we look for joy in things that do not last. We build up possessions, expecting that we will find joy in their security. We chase after fleeting pleasures expecting them to satisfy our hungry hearts. Forgive us, O God, and help us to seek joy in loving you without reservation, and in loving one another with kindness. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Special Music: Cheong Lo & Debra Lee "Mary did you know"

*Children's Hymn "Go, tell it on the mountain" #133
Last verse after the Children's Time

Children's Time

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation: #119 v. 4

"Love is a flame that burns in our heart. Jesus has come and will never depart. 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:

† Isaiah 7:10-16

OT - Pg. 636

† Psalm 89:1-4

OT - Pg. 545

† Luke 1:26-38

NT - Pg. 56-57

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.

Sermon: "What Woman Is This?"

*Hymn: "Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel" #122

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:

God, teach us how to listen for your call in our lives. Teach us how to be faithful stewards with the gifts you have entrusted to us. Teach us how to use this offering as a source of your ministry and mission. Teach us how to spend time beholding the miracles all around us. In the name of the greatest teacher, Emmanuel, we pray. Amen.

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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn: "What child is this" #161

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