

## Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

### *The Lord's Prayer*

*(from The Book of Praise, #535)*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen



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## *December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

**Minister:** Rev. Susan Mattinson  
**Music Director:** Kendall House  
**Pianist/Organist:** Carol Wehrsted

Please stand at items marked \* if you are able.  
Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in Unison

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### \*Entry of the Bible

#### Introit

#### Call to Worship

Hymn: "Angels from the realms of glory" #146

#### Opening Prayer:

God of glory, angels called to shepherds with songs of your good news. Mary pondered the mystery of your wisdom and goodness in the tumult of new birth. Your splendor shines from a manger, where the Light of the world was born to pierce the darkness. We praise you from the heights and from the depths; in the halls of learning, in the courts of power, and in the places of humility. God of compassion, we confess that we have not always lived as your chosen people. We have chosen to live lives that reflect our desires, not yours. We have begrudged what we lack rather than being thankful for the blessings of this life. Forgive our distracted and careless living and let new life be born within our spirits, our communities, and in your church. For we ask this in the name of the Christ child. Amen.

#### Special Music: Cyril Johnson

## WE CELEBRATE GOD'S CHILDREN

\*Praise Song: "Mary's Boy Child" Blue Song Book #6

#### Exploring God Together

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation: #625 v. 1 "

Love is a flame that burns in our hearts, 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.

#### Bible Readings:

Isaiah 9:2-7	pg.638	OT
Psalms 40:5-10	pg. 513-514	OT
Matthew 1:18-25	pg. 1	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.

### Carols and Lessons (from "More Stories Behind the Best-Loved Songs of Christmas" by Ace Collins)

Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #122

Hymn: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" #148

Hymn: "Silent Night" #154

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

### Tithes and Offerings

\* Offertory Response: #501

"Good Christians, all rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now you hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this. He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore. Christ was born for this; Christ was born for this."

\*Prayer of Dedication: #141 v.2

King of Kings, we join the angels in singing your unending praise. You alone created the universe in all of its glory. We present these gifts knowing that they will be transformed into ministries of Good News. Bless this offering, so that our giving honours your glory. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (see back of bulletin)

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*Hymn: "Joy to the world" #153

Blessing #168 v.1

"See amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below; see, the Lamb of God appears, promised from eternal years. Hail, O ever bless-ed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn! Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem".

Postlude: (Please maintain a reverent silence and stillness)