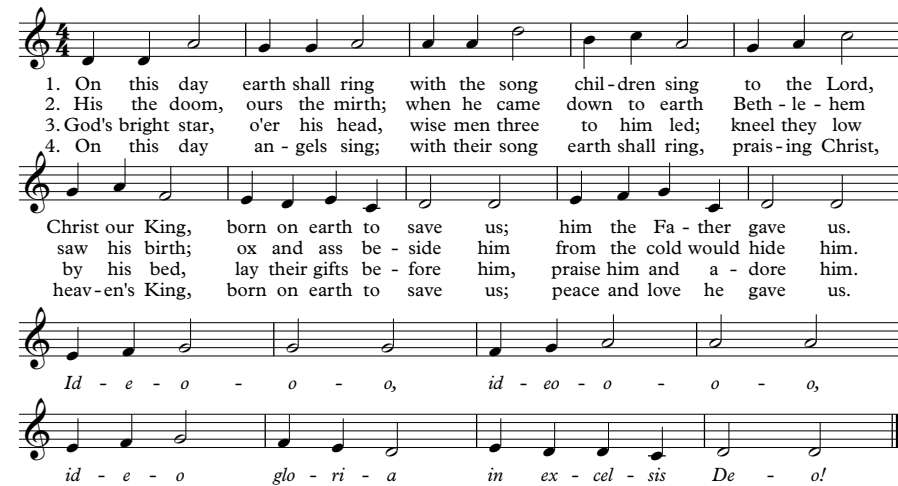


GO TO SERVE WITH GOD'S BLESSING

*HYMN

"On This Day Earth Shall Ring"

PERSONENT HODIE



1. On this day earth shall ring with the song chil-dren sing to the Lord,
 2. His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came down to earth Beth - le - hem
 3. God's bright star, o'er his head, wise men three to him led; kneel they low
 4. On this day an - gels sing; with their song earth shall ring, prais - ing Christ,

Christ our King, born on earth to save us; him the Fa - ther gave us.
 saw his birth; ox and ass be - side him from the cold would hide him.
 by his bed, lay their gifts be - fore him, praise him and a - dore him.
 heav-en's King, born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us.

Id - e - o - o - o, id - eo - o - o - o,
 id - e - o glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep us forever.
 Grant us peace; perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
 Lift up our eyes to see God's face and God's grace forever.
 May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep us forever.
 Congregation

POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Allemande"

Anthony Holborne

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017
 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY
 REV. DR. RICHARD MILLER
 SERVICE OF WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM
 LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 61:10-62:3
 Galatians 4:4-7
 Psalm 148
 Luke 2:22-40

ABOUT THE NARTHEX SCULPTURES

Please stop by the narthex to appreciate the beautiful carvings of sculptor John Kompulsek. Each Sunday the carvings depict a different aspect of the Christmas story. John Kompulsek was born in Solvenija, Yugoslavia. During World War II when all the schools were closed, John enrolled in an apprenticeship in the Master Hohnjec Sculpture Studio in Celje, Yugoslavia. Later he worked in the Federal Department of National Monuments and Fine Arts, and the Merlluzzy Stone Monuments and Statue Studio in Austria. He immigrated to Toronto, Canada, where he worked in the Regency Galleries for a period of six years.

WELCOME FRIENDS

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church. Please sign the Fellowship Register and pass it along to those around you. Visitors, please include your name, address, zip code, and phone number. When the register returns, note the names of people near you and greet one another after the service.

VISITORS, please accept our invitation to worship with us regularly and be sure to pick up a white visitor welcome bag, located in the back of the sanctuary on the Welcome Desk.

Sound enhancement devices that can accommodate a T-switch on a hearing aid, or can be fitted with a personal earpiece, are available in the sanctuary. Ask any usher for details, or see the sound engineer at the sound desk at the front of the sanctuary.

Emergency Information. An AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is located on the west wall of the Narthex (back of Sanctuary) and a second AED is outside the Parlor kitchen in the Christian Education building.

Childcare for infants and toddlers through four-years of age is provided from 8:15 AM - 12:15 PM in the Little Saints and Angels Nursery (on the third floor of the Christian Education building). Access is possible via the curved stairway just beyond the Sanctuary door to the right of the Chancel (front of the Sanctuary).

Music Notes: We thank Kristine Oswald and Erin Sodawasser for providing a duet this morning. They are both members of the *Sanctuary Choir*, and current and future members of Vesper Bells.

Worship Hosts for TODAY: *Head Worship Host:* Pam Paulsen. *Worship Hosts:* Susie Kardel, Gayle Lambert, and Jeanne Sherwood.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers are Welcome for: Don Brookstra and family (*death of wife and mother, Georgia*); Gary and Sally Ewoldt; Steve Johnson and family (*death of wife and mother, Margarette*); the family of Dr. David Mercer; families and victims of abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, and all recent natural disasters.

Mission Partners: Rev. José Pilar Alvare Cabrera and Rev. Nestor Eduardo Alvarez (*leaders of ILUGUA, Zacapa, Guatemala*), Rev. Herbert and Alice Chikomo in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Hospital visits by the Pastor to members and friends of the church, are made only with a patient's permission.

InTouch Information: If you or a loved one is unable to attend church services and would enjoy personal visits to your home or care facility and would like to be contacted by one of First Presbyterian's InTouch members, please contact LaWanda Roudebush (563-359-1577), Deacon of Pastoral Care Spiritual Development Committee.

Printed Prayer Requests for members and friends also require permission from the person(s) in need of prayer before prayers are printed in the bulletin or mentioned during Sunday Prayer. Printed requests are in the bulletin for one month, or you can share with the Pastor or church office if you no longer wish to remain on the prayer list. The best way to assure a hospital visit or a prayer is to have you, a family member, or a friend directly notify the church office (563-326-1691).

The Prayer Chain connects those in need of prayer with church members who are committed to a ministry of prayer. Those asking for prayer on the Prayer Chain will not be included in the bulletin unless specifically requested. All requests may be directed to Mary Ann Francois (563-355-5292).

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December 24, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION:

Isaiah 9:2-7
 Titus 2:11-14
 Psalm 96
 Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

"Then Mary said, 'Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her."

Luke 1:38

ORDER OF SERVICE

*Worshippers who are able, please stand. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

Liturgist: Tiffany Horvath; Sermon: Rev. Dr. Richard Miller

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO...

PRELUDE "Voluntary" George Frideric Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Worshippers are invited to meditate silently during the following prelude. The Bible, which has been placed near the outside door symbolizing its place in the world, is brought to the lectern from which lessons will be read, symbolizing the place of Scripture in Christian Worship.

PRELUDE "Prelude" Johann Sebastian Bach

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

LIGHTING THE FOURTH CANDLE OF ADVENT 10:00 AM - Ferris, Page, and Stellinga families

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

The candles we have kindled each week light the way to the coming Christ.

The candles of Hope, Preparation, and Joy shine brightly. Today, we light the candle of Love.

The tenderness Christ has for us is a gift that is unequalled. Together, we will demonstrate and share the love of Christ.

***HYMN** "On Christmas Night All Christians Sing" SUSSEX CAROL

1. On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing, to hear the news—the
 2. Then why should we on earth be sad, since our Re-deem-er
 3. When sin de-parts be-fore his grace, then life and health come
 4. All out of dark-ness we have light, which made the an-gels
 an-gels bring; on Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing, to
 made us glad; then why should we on earth be sad, since
 in its place; when sin de-parts be-fore his grace, then
 sing this night; all out of dark-ness we have light, which
 hear the news—the an-gels bring, news of great
 our Re-deem-er made us glad, when from our
 life and health come in its place; heav-en and
 made the an-gels sing this night: "Glo-ry to
 joy, news of great mirth, news of our
 sin he set us free, all for to
 earth with joy may sing, all for to
 God in high-est heaven; peace on earth
 mer-ci-ful King's birth.
 gain our lib-er-ty?
 see the new-born King.
 and good-will. A-men!"

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CONFESS TO A FORGIVING CREATOR

***CALL TO CONFESSION** - Sing "Take O Take Me" one time.

Take, O take me as I am;
 sum-mon out what I shall be;
 set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we know that you are always there to guide us, yet we often make plans without listening to you. We quickly discover that our human agendas easily drown out our ability to hear your will for us. So, we repent and turn to you in love and forgiveness. Forgive us our offenses and pardon our sins. Show us again how to glorify your name. Amen.

Following the Prayer of Confession, please sing "Take O Take Me" one time.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear and believe this good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***GLORIA PATRI** Hymn 579

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly
 Ghost; As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er
 shall be, world with-out end, A-men, A-men.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:26-38 *The New Testament page 56*

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Trusting the Angel"

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN** "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" WINCHESTER OLD

1. While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, all seat-ed on the ground, the
 2. "Fear not," said he, for might-y dread had seized their trou-bled mind: "Glad
 3. "To you, in Da-vid's town this day, is born of Da-vid's line the
 4. "The heaven-ly babe you there shall find to hu-man view dis-played, all
 an-gel of the Lord came down, and glo-ry shone a-round.
 ti-dings of great joy I bring to you and hu-man-kind.
 Sav-ior who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign:
 hum-bly wrapped in swath-ing bands, and in a man-ger laid."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

THE LORD'S PRAYER - (Traditional) Page 16 in the hymnal.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND LIVES TO GOD

In the gift of money, we offer something of our work and selves to God.

"Grown-Up Christmas List" Linda Thompson
 Kristine Oswald & Erin Sodawasser, sopranos and David Foster

*PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND LIVES TO GOD

Those who are able, please rise singing the Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures
 here be-low; Praise God a-bove ye heav'n-ly host; Cre-
 a-tor, Christ, and Ho-ly Ghost. Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-
 man-u-el shall come to thee, O Is-ra-el.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, your love is magnified in the gift of your son. As you freely share him with us, help us to freely share these gifts we offer. Lift up the lowly and fill the hungry. Show us your coming reign of justice and peace. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

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