

# GO TO SERVE WITH GOD'S BLESSING

\*HYMN

"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

GENEVAN 42

1. "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; Tell of peace!" thus  
2. For the her - ald's voice is call - ing In the des - ert  
3. Make you straight what long was crook - ed, Make the rough - er

says our God. "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
far and near, Bid - ding us to make re - pent - ance  
plac - es plain; Let your hearts be true and hum - ble,

Bowed be - neath op - pres - sion's load. Speak you to Je - ru - sa - lem  
Since the king - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!  
As be - fits God's ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord

Of the peace that waits for them! Tell them that their  
Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys  
Now o'er earth is shed a - broad; And all flesh shall

sins I cov - er, And their war - fare now is o - ver."  
rise in meet - ing And the hills bow down in greet - ing.  
see the to - ken That God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

SENDING ANTHEM 9:00 AM

"View the Present Through the Promise"

AR HYD Y NOS

The Sanctuary Choir

CHARGE AND BLESSING

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 9:55 AM

\*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.

The Sanctuary Choir and Congregation

POSTLUDE

"Celebration"

Charles Callahan

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT; REV. PAT HALVERSON

SERVICES OF WORSHIP AT 9:00 AM AND 11:00 AM

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8

## 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.

**Enjoy Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall this morning!** All members and visitors are invited to stop by and say "hello." Today's Fellowship Host is Rick Willits. If you are available to host fellowship hour on Sunday morning, please contact Frances Keller (563-386-3878), or leave a note at the Welcome Desk.

**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:** The *Sanctuary Choir* provides music leadership this morning. The offertory/anthem is Brian Mann's colorful arrangement of a Welsh hymn which will be featured with orchestral accompaniment at the Christmas Concerts on December 16 and 17.

Next week, December 10, the *Sanctuary Choir* provides music.

**Worship Hosts for TODAY:** 9:00 AM - *Head Worship Host:* Pamela Paulsen. *Worship Hosts:* Audrae Zoeckler, Judy Guenther, Denny Jorgenson, Marilyn Jorgenson, and Harry Hoyt. 11:00 AM - *Head Worship Host:* Todd Congdon. *Worship Host:* Jolene Keeney.

# JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Death:** Georgia Brookstra, November 23, 2017

**Prayers are Welcome for:** Don Brooksta and family (*death of wife and mother, Georgia*); Steve Johnson and family (*death of wife and mother, Margarette*); families and victims of abuse, violence, 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.

**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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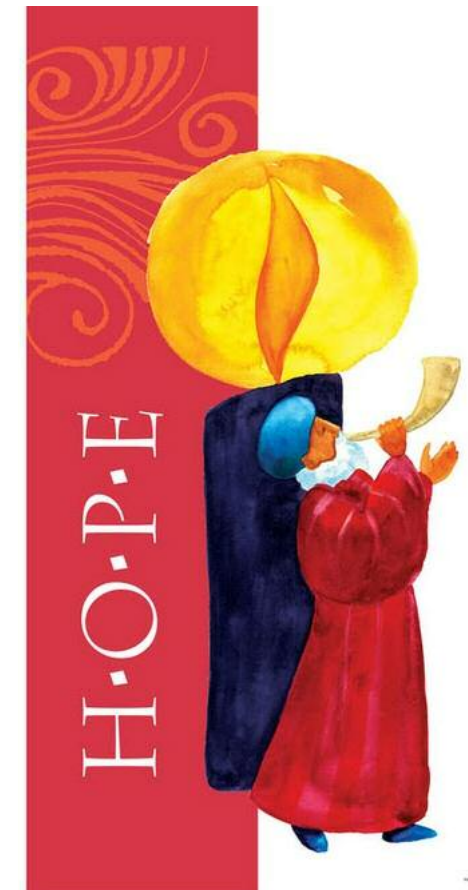
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December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Worship at Nine and Eleven O'Clock in the Morning



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# First Presbyterian Church

*A place to belong! Where faith is nurtured,  
curiosity is encouraged, diversity is welcomed, and all are loved.*

1702 Iowa Street, Davenport, Iowa 52803

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION:

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

"And what I say to you I say to all: keep awake."

Mark 13:37

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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

Liturgist: Lydia Ferris; Sermon: Rev. Dr. Richard Miller

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO...

**PRELUDES** “Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland” Hans Klotz  
“Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland” Helmut Walcha

### 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** “Flute Solo” Thomas Arne

**INTROIT** “Advent Message” Martin How  
The Sanctuary Choir

## PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

**LIGHTING THE FIRST CANDLE OF ADVENT** 9:00 AM - The Bawden Family  
11:00 AM - The Hasenmiller Family

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.

We join with sisters and brothers around the world, lighting candles to mark our steps in this Advent journey. Today, we light the candle of Hope.

Even though the world seems dark and cold, we know that the light of Christ is coming. As we kindle this light, we proclaim to the world that, in Christ, we have hope.

**\*HYMN** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” VENI EMMANUEL



1. O come, O come, Em- man - u - el, and ran- som cap- tive  
2. O come, thou Wis- dom from on high, who or- derest all things  
6. O come, thou Day- spring, come and cheer our spi- rits by thine  
7. O come, De- sire of na - tions, bind all peo- ples in one



Is - ra - el, that mourns in low - ly ex - ile here un-  
might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge show; and  
ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, and  
heart and mind; bid en - vy, strife, and dis - cord cease; fill



til the Son of God ap - pear.  
teach us in her ways to go.  
death's dark sha - dows put to flight. *Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -*  
the whole world with hea - ven's peace.



man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

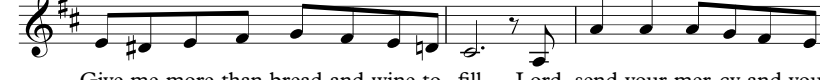
**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** 9:00 AM

## CONFESS TO A FORGIVING CREATOR

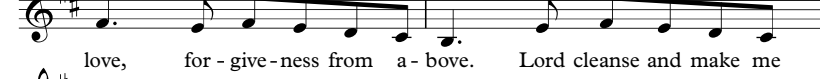
**\*CALL TO CONFESSION** - Sing “Lord, Set Me Free” one time.



Lord, set me free. In the sha- dow of your love, Lord come to me.



Give me more than bread and wine to fill. Lord, send your mer- cy and your



love, for - give - ness from a - bove. Lord cleanse and make me



whole a - gain. Lord, set me free.

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, even in Advent we confess that you seem far away. You are hidden when we need you near. In our hurt, doubt, and fear, we do not try to draw closer to you. Instead we lash out against you, our neighbor, even those we love. Forgive us, we pray. Let your face shine until our tears are dried, our sins faded, and our hope restored. In Jesus name, Amen.**

Following the Prayer of Confession, please sing “Lord, Set Me Free” 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

**ANTHEM** 11:00 AM “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night” Arr. Brian Mann  
The Sanctuary Choir

**\*HYMN** 11:00 AM “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” STUTTGART



1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;



From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.

## LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Isaiah 64:1-9 *The Old Testament page 694*  
Mark 13:24-37 *The New Testament page 50*

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

**SERMON** “Learning to Be Watchful”

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND LIVES TO GOD

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

9:00 AM “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night” Arr. Brian Mann  
The Sanctuary Choir

11:00 AM “Adagio” Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

**\*HYMN** “In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness” DIVINUM MYSTERIUM



1. In a deep, un-boun- ded dark - ness, long be- fore the first light shone,  
2. Though our world is ev - er chang - ing, you are con - stant, firm, and sure,  
3. Joy trans - forms our lips to boast - ing on - ly in your match - less grace,



you, O God, be - yond all mer - it worked a won - der faith - makes known:  
faith - ful to your cov - nant prom - ise. Trust - ing you, we live, se - cure:  
send - ing Christ to dwell a - mong us, Word made flesh in time and space:



in your mer - cy, in your mer - - - cy,  
sing - ing prais - es, sing - ing prais - - - es,  
6 Friend and Sav - ior, Friend and Sav - - - ior,



you em - braced us as your own, ev - er - more and ev - er - more...  
long as heart and breath en - dure, ev - er - more and ev - er - more...  
in whose life we glimpse your face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more...

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

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**THE LORD'S PRAYER** - Please use either of the versions of The Lord's Prayer that can be found on page 16 in the hymnal.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*All are asked to commune together after everyone has been served.*

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Elna Arp  
Margarette Johnson  
Georgia Brookstra

\*Continued...