

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

L: Together we pray: **God of grace, we cheerfully offer these gifts in humble response to all the great things you have done. In this act of worship we remember especially the gift of your Son, clothed in human flesh for us. May Christ's love and truth and grace be spread to many through our offerings. Amen.**

## GO TO SERVE WITH GOD'S BLESSING

\*HYMN Lift up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates TRURO  
*Please see Hymn Insert*

## \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

## \*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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.

POSTLUDE Gigue Fugue, BWV 557 J.S. Bach

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

REV. MARK GALBRAITH

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 AM

Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

### 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 Hohnjeec 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.** We are an open and affirming congregation, and a proud member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians (covnetpres.org). People of all sexual orientations and gender identities are welcome here, along with their families. 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), a second AED is outside the Parlor kitchen in the Christian Education building, and a third is on the East wall of the hall between the library and Fellowship Hall.

**Childcare for anyone who needs it is provided** from 8:30 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).

**Worship Notes:** The Scots Confession was written during the 17<sup>th</sup> century as an official expression of Reformed belief by the Scottish government. It is one of the twelve guiding confessions of the Presbyterian Church (USA), selected for its historical value.

**Music Notes:** Madeline Bawden provides a solo for this morning's anthem, German composer Max Reger's setting of a poem by Martin Boelitz.

Translation:

Mary sits by the rose bower	A brightly coloured bird	Your smile is lovely,
And rocks her little Jesus,	Sings at her feet:	Your happy sleep lovelier still,
Softly through the leaves	Go to sleep, sweet child,	Lay your tired little head
The warm wind of summer blows.	It's time to go to sleep!	Against your mother's breast!
		Go to sleep, sweet child,
		It's time to go to sleep!

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Deaths:** Roberta Darbyshire, December 5, 2019

**Prayers are Welcome for:** Don Arp; J. Hobart Darbyshire (*death of wife, Roberta*); Bev Koos; Bonnie Lang; Dee Dee Mueller; Cathie Nichols; Phylis Pecoraro (*death of mother-in-law, Doris*); Marsha Pedersen; family of Karla Ruiter (*death of father, Ron*); Janet Stensrud; 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*); Alice Chikomo in Harare, Zimbabwe; Veda Gill (*Presbyterian Education Board, Pakistan*).

**Hospital visits** by the Pastors 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 from one of First Presbyterian's InTouch members, please contact Bev Koos (563-676-0292), Deacon of Pastoral Care Spiritual Development Committee.

**The Prayer Chain** connects those in need of prayer with church members who are committed to a ministry of prayer. All requests may be directed to Mary Ann Francois (563-355-5292).

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December 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

Worship at Nine Thirty in the Morning



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### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalms 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

“The Mary said, ‘Here am I, the servant of the Lord;  
let it be with me according to your word.’”

Luke 1:38

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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

Liturgist: Sarah Greim; Sermon: Rev. Mark Galbraith

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO...

**PRELUDE** Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659 J.S. Bach

### 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 on “Comfort, Comfort, Now My People” Gerald Near

### \*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



5. O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our  
6. O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spirits by thine



heavenly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and  
advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and



close the path to misery, death's dark shadows put to flight. *Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-*



*manuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

## PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

### LIGHTING THE FIRST CANDLE OF ADVENT

*The Ferris Family*

We give thanks for the light of Christ, shining in the lives of all God's people. With Mary, the mother of Jesus, we rejoice, for the Mighty One has done great things for us. How holy is God's name!

**\*HYMN** Comfort, Comfort You My People GENEVAN 42  
*Please see Hymn Insert*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Sarah Greim

# CONFESS TO A FORGIVING CREATOR

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION - Sing “Come Now, O Prince of Peace” one time.



1. Come now O Prince of Peace; make us one body.



Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**Dear Lord, we acknowledge that sometimes our obedience is half-hearted at best. In this busy season, forgive us when we are too busy to hear your voice, when we “do good” as duty, but without heart, and for our obsession that things must be done our way. We humble ourselves in joyful gratitude for your love. Thank you, Jesus, for your joyful obedience in becoming one of us to save and transform us. Amen.**

*Following the Prayer of Confession, please sing “Come Now, O Prince of Peace” 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.**

God makes peace within us,

**Let us claim it.**

God makes peace among us.

**Let us share it!**

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Ushers will pick up the “Joys & Concerns” slips.*

### \*GLORIA PATRI *Hymn 579*



Glorry 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.

**ANTHEM** Mariä Wiegenlied, Op. 76, No. 52 Max Reger  
Madeline Bawden, Soloist

## LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Psalm 146:1-10 *The Old Testament page 581*  
Luke 1:46b-55 *The New Testament page 57*

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

**SERMON** Joyful Obedience

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**\*HYMN** Of the Father's Love Begotten DIVINIUM MYSTERIUM  
*Please see Hymn Insert*

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Selected from the Scots Confession*

**L: God has made us his people through our baptism in the Christ. Living together in trust and hope we can confess our faith: We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. When the fullness of time came God sent his Son into this world, who took the nature of humanity. Our faith and its assurance do not proceed from natural powers within us, but are the inspiration of the Holy Spirit; whom we confess to be God, equal with the Father and with his Son, who sanctifies us, and brings us into all truth.**

### 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.*

Of the Father's Love Begotten Wilbur Held

### \*PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND LIVES TO GOD

*Those who are able, please rise singing the Doxology - Hymn Tune: OLD HUNDREDETH, 592 in the hymnal.*



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures



here be low; Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;



Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*\*Continued...*